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We will curtail 'commission mafia', says CM

BENGALURU
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said his government will completely control the hold of "commission mafia" in government works that has affected the State's finances.
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When India grows, the world grows, says Modi

Addressing joint session of the U.S. Congress, PM stressed on shared value of democracy; he also touched on global concerns such as the war in Ukraine and the Indo-Pacific situation

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

While Modi addressed a packed chamber and received several standing ovations, a handful of lawmakers boycotted the event. ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a joint session of the U.S. Congress on Thursday, where he, in agreement with U.S. President Joe Biden, called the India-U.S. relationship "a defining partnership" of the 21st century.

The Prime Minister also talked about the virtues of democracy, the ties that bind India and the United States, and India's economic and development trajectory. He also touched on issues of global concern, such as the war in Ukraine and the situation in the Indo-Pacific.

Mr. Modi's hour-long speech was heard by a packed chamber and he received several standing ovations, but over 70 members of Congress had raised concerns about democratic backsliding in India ahead of his address. A handful of them boycotted the event.

"Democracy is one of our sacred and shared values," the Prime Minister said as he referred to India as the "mother of democracy".

"I am here to speak about our calling for this century," he said, characterising as an "exceptional privilege" the opportunity to address Congress twice (his first address was in June 2016).

He talked about the digitisation of the Indian economy and said that India would soon be the third-largest economy in the world.

"When India grows, the world grows," Mr. Modi said.

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GE deal to yield first engine in three years

NEW DELHI
The jet engine deal with the U.S. is an "almost done" deal and will see 80% technology transfer by General Electric (GE) to Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. The first engine will roll out three years after contract is ready, a Defence Ministry official said. » PAGE 13

'We stand together to fight BJP in 2024 Lok Sabha election'

New beginning: Opposition leaders addressing a joint press conference after the all-party meeting in Patna. PTI

Amarnath Tewary
Sobhana K. Nair
PATNA/NEW DELHI

Framing the next general election as a fight between "democracy and dictatorship", 15 Opposition parties came together, projecting a united front in Patna on Friday. At the end of the four-hour meeting, no statement was issued, nor a seat-sharing formula declared. It concluded on the promise of fighting the BJP together and leaving behind past prejudices.

The meeting was the first of many that the Opposition has planned. The next one will be hosted by the Congress in Shimla around mid-July. Barring a few tense moments, with bitter exchanges between the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the atmosphere was convivial.

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Anna Bhagya: Union govt. categorically refuses to sell rice to State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Centre on Friday categorically refused to supply rice to Karnataka for its flagship Anna Bhagya scheme. This makes it certain that the launch of the scheme, which was scheduled for July 1, will be delayed. The Centre's decision was conveyed to Karnataka's Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa by Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal in Delhi.

"The Union government, worried about the scheme that is likely to become popular, has played politics by denying us the rice," Mr. Muniyappa told *The Hindu* over phone from Delhi.

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Refresh or reboot: the question confronting Indian Test cricket

GETTY IMAGES

An ageing core, the demands of playing multiple formats and two limited-overs World Cups before the end of 2024 have left the Indian think-tank with defining decisions to make during the 2023-25 World Test Championship cycle

K.C. Vijaya Kumar

Under whimsical English skies, Test cricket seems to echo that Keatsian line: a thing of beauty is a joy forever. John Keats may not have thought of the willow game while etching his poetic musings but there is no denying the visual aura of cricket's longest format.

The whites, the red cherry, grass, deep blue skies, odd dark clouds, and a battle of attrition lasting five days, all constitute a facet of sport that is a striking contrast to a current era lost in dwindling attention spans, microwaved food, Twitter-angst and breathless Twenty20! But on the evidence of the last few weeks that featured the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) final and the latest Ashes Test, with Australia winning both, there is an audience for Tests, especially in England. And in Australia and some venues across the Indian subcontinent, crowds do turn up.

Closer home, India has now lost two WTC summit clashes. The 209-run defeat to Australia at London's Oval and the loss to New Zealand in the inaugural WTC climax at Southampton in 2021 can be seen as either the glass being half full or half empty. In both WTC cycles, India was perhaps the most consistent side and yet when it came to the crunch, there was no miracle or mettle to be savoured. India's drought in ICC events extends all the way back to 2013 when the Champions Trophy was secured and currently the crossroads seem inevitable.

The squad's core unit is grappling with the mid-thirties when sporting twilight draws close. But there are complications as this is a year which has an added ICC significance, with the conventional 50-over-per-side World Cup to be held in India. Usually squads are linked to the World Cup's four-year cycle and key players often look at one last stab at the glittering trophy. At times it can go awry too as the great Javed Miandad realised during the 1996 World Cup. Past his prime, his last steps culminated in a run out against India in a high-voltage quarterfinal at Bangalore as it was known then.

The question that India needs to tackle is this: should it target the World Cup, and then build afresh for the diverse challenges ahead? Skipper Rohit Sharma (36 years), Virat Kohli (34), Cheteshwar Pujara (35), Ajinkya Rahane (35), R. Ashwin (36), Ravindra Jadeja (34) and Mohammed Shami (32) are all on the wrong side of 30.

The selectors have other headaches to deal with too and these are issues that demand sensitivity. Ashwin, as evident in his recent interview to *The Hindu* and *The Indian Express*, and Kohli, going by his cryptic social-media posts, are not in a happy space. Wounded egos need to be assuaged, frank conversations and an arm around the shoulder are essential.

It isn't that the cupboard is bare, and in Shubman Gill, Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant, India has a trio that can smoothen the inevitable transition. Just that the last two are on the comeback trail following an injury and an accident respectively. It is imperative that India, to start with, builds a new unit for Twenty20s with Hardik Pandya at the helm and in time for next year's Twenty20 World Cup in the Caribbean and the United States. Like M.S. Dhoni and his unheralded warriors in the inaugural 2007 edition, Pandya and his men may turn around India's ICC fortunes.

In ODIs, especially with the World Cup looming ahead, too many changes could affect the synthesis of the team. Importantly, the selectors and the BCCI have to get their priorities right vis-a-vis Tests. Do the crowns matter only in limited-overs cricket? To dive into a WTC final a week after the IPL climax at Ahmedabad is lunacy. Scheduling is vital and the BCCI missed a trick in not negotiating with the ICC or scheduling the IPL in such a way that the players got at least a fortnight to prepare for the WTC final.

As they age, batters witness a decline in their averages, pace bowlers slow down and spinners have their aches. When the current WTC cycle's final is unveiled at Lord's in 2025, will the present core still be around? A brand new outfit may not cut ice but a blend of the established stars and fresh players is essential. Sourav Ganguly retired from international cricket in 2008, Rahul Dravid and V.V.S. Laxman in 2012, Tendulkar in 2013 and the current set of batters gradually found wings after that.

Among the quartet of Rohit, Kohli, Pujara and Rahane, two may have to step aside or perhaps be spoken to by the selectors. India has the familiar figures of K.L. Rahul, Shreyas Iyer and Mayank Agarwal waiting for a second wind while Prithvi Shaw seems to be a bit lost. Among the new brigade, with Gill having stolen a march, there are Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz Khan, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Tilak Varma awaiting their turn. India needs to get squads pivoted onto each individual format while stars plying their wares across cricket's three versions need to be kept at a minimum to prevent burnouts.

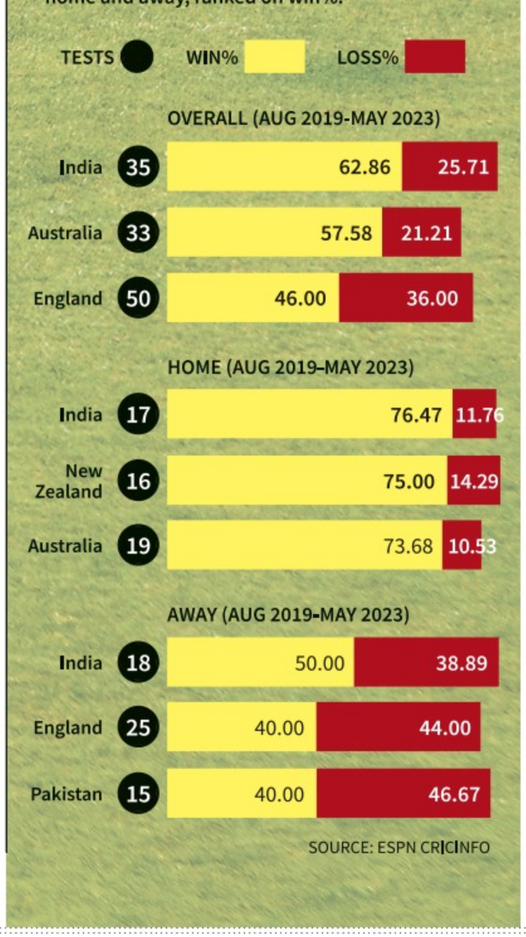
Kohli playing all three formats and the IPL, is spreading himself thin, so too are Rohit and Jadeja. Either the players prioritise what cricket they want to play or the BCCI top-brass and coach Dravid sit with them and chalk out a plan. Hopefully Gill, Bumrah and Pant will lay the roots for the next generation to flower and perhaps among them a new Test captain will eventually be found while Pandya remains the frontrunner for a leadership role in the abridged versions.

The selectors picked freshers in the early 1990s and the late Raj Singh Dungarpur labelled it as the team of the '90s but not many lasted. Imbibing those cues from history, a drastic cull now would be extreme, building anew without entirely discarding the old could be the mantra. Above all, the WTC cycle has to be treated as a standalone milestone and not an afterthought juxtaposed between the World Cups and the IPL.

Sport isn't entirely about 'show me the money', performance on the turf is equally intrinsic to the commercial veins. More A tours, perhaps even reviving that old warm-up fixture – Board President's XI against the visiting international squad – should be part of the revival plan. At the highest level, accepting that the skill-base is largely the same, it is temperament that distinguishes a great cricketer from an also-ran. This attribute can be discerned through the sieve that A tours and warm-up games offer. The time for change is now, albeit in a measured way.

Glass half full, half empty

India may have lost two World Test Championship finals, but it has the best record in all bilateral Tests during the span of the two cycles (Aug 1, 2019 to May 31, 2023). A look at the top 3 teams, overall, home and away, ranked on win%:



STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	36	7,595	16
2	Carlos Alcaraz	20	7,175	17
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	5,845	22
4	Casper Ruud	24	4,960	23
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,875	20
6	Holger Rune	20	4,375	25
7	Andrey Rublev	25	4,000	24
8	Taylor Fritz	25	3,515	23
9	Jannik Sinner	21	3,300	22
10	Frances Tiafoe	25	3,085	22
11	Karen Khachanov	27	3,035	20
12	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	2,760	22
13	Cameron Norrie	27	2,565	22
14	Borna Coric	26	2,305	20
15	Tommy Paul	26	2,135	23

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 226 ▲ 1 spot

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 381 ▼ 7 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	22	8,940	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	8,011	16
3	Elena Rybakina	24	5,090	20
4	Caroline Garcia	29	5,025	24
5	Jessica Pegula	29	4,905	17
6	Ons Jabeur	28	3,491	15
7	Coco Gauff	19	3,251	17
8	Maria Sakkari	27	3,117	22
9	Petra Kvitova	33	3,101	15
10	Beatriz Haddad Maia	27	2,690	23
11	Daria Kasatkina	26	2,690	24
12	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,680	22
13	Veronika Kudermetova	26	2,600	21
14	Belinda Bencic	26	2,380	18
15	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,301	20

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 206 ▲ 3 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 234 ▲ 29 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	195	6
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	126	2
3	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	117	0
4	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	102	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	68	0
6	George Russell	Mercedes	65	0
7	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	54	0
8	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	37	0
9	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	29	0
10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	15	0
11	Lando Norris	McLaren	12	0
12	Alex Albon	Williams	7	0
13	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	6	0
14	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	5	0
15	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	5	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	4	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	2	0
18	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	2	0
19	Nyck de Vries	AlphaTauri	0	0
20	Logan Sargeant	Williams	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	321	8
2	Mercedes	167	0
3	Aston Martin	154	0
4	Ferrari	122	0
5	Alpine	44	0
6	McLaren	17	0
7	Alfa Romeo	9	0
8	Haas	8	0
9	Williams	7	0
10	AlphaTauri	2	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	103,005	12
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	89,811	17
3	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	78,278	15
4	Kodai Naraoka	77,015	21
5	Jonatan Christie	70,921	16
6	Chou Tien Chen	70,827	21
7	Shi Yu Qi	70,554	18
8	Loh Kean Yew	69,882	20
9	Prannoy H. S.	68,927	18
10	Li Shi Feng	65,538	19
11	Kenta Nishimoto	58,417	19
12	Lu Guang Zu	56,990	19
13	Lee Zii Jia	54,476	18
14	Kanta Tsuneyama	54,271	17
15	Anders Antonsen	54,040	12

Top Indians ▶

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 9

Lakshya Sen
Rank 18

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	103,717	15
2	An Se Young	102,264	15
3	Chen Yu Fei	95,046	14
4	Tai Tzu Ying	89,186	14
5	He Bing Jiao	79,974	17
6	Carolina Marin	73,740	17
7	Ratchanok Intanon	68,723	16
8	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	63,151	21
9	Han Yue	62,870	20
10	Wang Zhi Yi	62,810	17
11	Pornpawee Chochuwong	57,219	20
12	P.V. Sindhu	54,460	14
13	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	54,164	15
14	Michelle Li	52,711	19
15	Beiwen Zhang	50,265	21

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 12

Saina Nehwal
Rank 31

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Kane Williamson	883	919
3	Marnus Labuschagne	877	937
4	Travis Head	873	884
5	Babar Azam	862	882
6	Steve Smith	861	947
7	Usman Khawaja	836	836
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	780	783
10	Rishabh Pant	758	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	860	904
2	James Anderson	829	903
3	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
4	Pat Cummins	824	914
5	Ollie Robinson	802	820
6	Nathan Lyon	799	799
7	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
8	Jasprit Bumrah	772	835
9	Ravindra Jadeja	765	899
10	Stuart Broad	765	880

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	886	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Fakhar Zaman	755	784
4	Imam-ul-Haq	745	815
5	Shubman Gill	738	738
6	David Warner	726	880
7	Harry Tector	725	725
8	Virat Kohli	719	911
9	Quinton de Kock	718	813
10	Rohit Sharma	707	885

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Mohammed Siraj	691	736
3	Mitchell Starc	686	783
4	Matt Henry	667	691
5	Trent Boult	660	775
6	Adam Zampa	652	655
7	Rashid Khan	640	806
8	Shaheen Afridi	630	688
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	630	712
10	Mohammad Nabi	626	657

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
4	Aiden Markram	748	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	724	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Devon Conway	709	831
8	Dawid Malan	705	915
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	816
2	Fazalhaq Farooqi	692	692
3	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
5	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
5	Adil Rashid	684	746
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Sam Curran	673	688
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	668	745
10	Anrich Nortje	667	695

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BMTC bus crew fail to follow passenger safety norms; buses keep doors open

'Circular not being followed on most ordinary buses and people are allowed to stand on the footboard'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Despite the Road Transport Corporations (RTC) issuing a circular to follow passenger safety norms and close bus doors before the bus moves, allegations continue of many Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses in the city not following the rules.

According to passengers, most ordinary buses are not following the circular and are allowing the passengers to stand on the footboards, while most buses still are not closing the doors, especially the front passenger door. Madhu Krishna, a regular BMTC passenger from Shantinagar, said, "The bus driver never closes the front door, and allows passengers to board the bus while the vehicle is still moving near the bus stops,

According to the circular issued by RTCs on June 13, the bus driver, and conductor should make sure that the back and front doors are closed, and only then start the bus. K. MURALI KUMAR

risking the life of passengers."The passengers also complained that the bus crew take more passengers than the limit and makes them stand on footboards. Sharavati K., a passenger said, "After the Shakti scheme was implemented, the buses are seeing a lot of crowd regularly. Especially during peak hours, the buses are crowded, the driver never closes the front door where most of the ladies stand which will have serious safety issues.

The BMTC should add more buses to resolve crowding issues while the safety of passengers must be prioritised. According to the circular issued by RTCs on June 13, the bus driver, and conductor should make sure that the back and front doors are closed, and only then start the bus.

According to the circular issued by RTCs on June 13, the bus driver, and conductor should make sure that the back and front doors are closed, and only then start the bus.

The circular was issued after a 14-year-old schoolgirl died recently as she lost balance and fell down from a crowded North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) bus in Haveri district. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy had given instructions to all the RTCs to follow passenger safety norms and close bus doors before the bus moved. The circular stated that all the bus doors should be checked before a bus starts for a trip from the depot.

The bus driver and conductor should make sure that the back door is closed and only then start the bus. The bus crew have been directed not to allow any passenger to stay on the footboard of the bus and make sure that both front and back doors are closed properly.

The circular also says that the bus crew should not open the doors until the bus reaches the bus station or bus stop and stops on the dedicated platform.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Sathyavathi G., Managing Director of BMTC, said that the BMTC has deployed the 'Sarathi' vehicles to check such violations, and the Sarathi officials will take appropriate action against the bus crew if they are not following the circular.

BMTC earns ₹58cr. from the sale of digital passes

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

For a year now, before the Shakti scheme kicked in, Tummoc, a third-party app facilitated the buying of BMTC passes for commuters.

According to BMTC data, since its introduction, a total of 14.03 lakh digital passes have been sold on the platform, amounting to ₹58.85 crore revenue.

Tummoc enables commuters to buy daily, weekly, and monthly passes for ordinary, Vajra, and Vayu Vajra buses.

After buying the passes, commuters have to scan a QR code in the buses for validation of passes. Tummoc offered a relief to regular travellers in BMTC buses who otherwise stood in long queues.

However, with the launch of the Shakti scheme, and BMTC's own Namma BMTC app in the beta testing phase, commuters expressed doubts about whether Tummoc would be continued.

BMTC officials confirmed that the app will continue to be in use. "We have been receiving good response for Tummoc. It is commuter friendly, and passengers can make use of it in the days to come," said a senior official in BMTC. While the app gathered a revenue of ₹21 lakh in its introductory month of April 2022, by July, there was a 10-fold increase (₹2.5 crore) in the revenue.

Despite the Shakti scheme which enables women who are domicile of Karnataka to travel for free, BMTC will continue to issue all their regular passes.

"We are not going to discontinue any of our pass schemes. Students can still avail themselves of their student passes online, and other travellers, especially men who are interested can get their monthly or annual passes," the official explained.

"I have gotten used to the convenience offered by the Tummoc digital passes. I am glad that they are going to continue the service as I am not a resident of Bangalore," said Anjali. B., a commuter from Kodigehalli.

State govt. reconstitutes delimitation committee

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The state government reconstituted a delimitation commission to carry out fresh ward delimitation exercise for Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Friday. This came after the High Court gave 12 weeks for the state to redraw ward boundaries. The notification was issued by the Urban Development Department.

The commission headed by BBMP Chief Commissioner, Tushar Giri Nath-,has Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) Commissioner, Bengaluru Deputy Commissioner, and BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) as members.

The committee will be conducting field study to plug loopholes in the previous draft finalised when the BJP was in power.

The previous government had constituted the commission on January 29, 2021, and the final notification was issued on July 14, 2022. After Congress came to power, it sought time to redo delimitation.

Newly-laid road in Bengaluru develops potholes; citizens allege shoddy work

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The 100-feet road at Vajarahalli in Hemmigepura (ward 198) that was asphalted just two months ago has now developed potholes, causing inconvenience to the public. This is one of the busiest roads in the area as it links Kanakapura road to Mysuru road. This has led to citizens alleging shoddy work by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA).

About 3 km stretch of this road, which also connects Banashankari 6th stage, has failed to withstand even moderate spells of monsoon rains, flagging alleged substandard work carried out by the develop-

The 100-feet road at Vajarahalli in Hemmigepura now has potholes

ment agency. In at least in four to five spots, the road has chipped off putting the lives of commuters in danger. Another major problem is.

Every time it rains, multiple patches on this stretch see waterlogging making it difficult for motorists to move. Besides substandard road works, residents allege that the BDA has not provided inlets to drains in some places. In a few areas, there are no shoulder drains at all. With no place for the rainwater to go, it accumulates on the road. "For a long time, this stretch did not have proper roads and just when everyone thought they could breath a sigh of relief, freshly laid roads developed large potholes-,"Vajapeyam Srivatsa said. He said Lokayukta has to take suo motu cognisance of the shoddy work to fix accountability and should make officials pay for their ignorance.

Kiran Kumar of Change Makers of Kanakapura said the absence of proper drains and sub-par asphalting work were the root causes of the problem. "A drive on the road during rainfall exposes the BDA, which has not built drains. Now the footpaths are also encroached by street vendors with no dedicated space for them. The BDA has stopped work and there is no clarity on what the agency will do to fix this problem," he said.

A local BDA official said the work on the stretch has not been completed due to which the road gets inundated. The BDA will also work towards filling potholes in places where the same issue has surfaced. "I will be sending an engineer to check the spots and fix the problem," he said.

Power shutdown

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There will be no power supply on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11 KV Jigani MUSS in view of quarterly maintenance work. Among the areas that will be affected are: Jigani, Kallubalu Village Panchayat area, and Haragadde Village Panchayat area.

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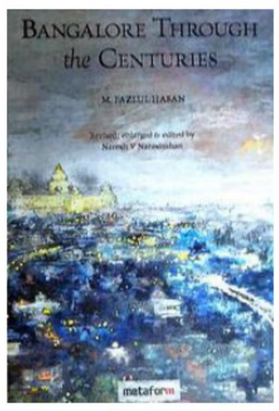

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A milestone book on Bengaluru's historiography, *Bangalore Through the Centuries*, out of print for long and enjoying a cult status among bibliophiles and city history enthusiasts, is finally available again in a new reprint after 53 years. The reprint is already a hit, and the entire print run has been sold out.

The only print edition of the work was brought out in 1970. It is an amateur historiography of the city by M. Fazlul Hasan, who was a retired Administrative Officer of the Revenue Department of Bangalore Municipal Corporation (BMC). The book, then priced at ₹25, was reportedly usually gifted at BMC events back then.

However, it went out of print, and a rare used copy of the book was being sold for as high as ₹10,000, said Krishna Gowda of Bookworm, a bookstore on Church Street. Some sellers had demanded even as high as ₹25,000 for a copy of the book, he added.

The book has now been edited, enlarged, and republished by leading architect Naresh Narasimhan. "It's the first such work in English on the city and is a very well-written book and a work of passion and love. I had read the book long back, probably in the 1980s and had loved the book. I knew the book was not available. A chance encounter with Fazlul Hasan's son led me to republish the book again," he said.

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NOTIFICATION- PENSION ADALAT

द्रव नोदन प्रणाली केंद्र (एल पी एस सी), बेंगलूरु, **06.07.2023** (गुरुवार) को **1400** बजे नेत्रावती सम्मेलन कक्ष, द्र. नो. प्र. कें., बेंगलूरु में पेंशन अदालत आयोजित कर रहा है। द्र. नो. प्र. कें., बेंगलूरु से सेवानिवृत्त पेंशनभोगी/परिवार पेंशनभोगी शिकायत-संबंधी अपने अभ्यावेदन वरिष्ठ प्रशासनिक अधिकारी, द्र. नो. प्र. कें., बेंगलूरु को डाक द्वारा या sado@lpscb.gov.in पर ई-मेल द्वारा **30.06.2023** तक या उससे पहले भेजने का कष्ट करें।

Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Bengaluru is organising a **Pension Adalat** on **06.07.2023 (Thursday)** at **1400 hrs.** at Nethravathy Conference Hall, LPSC Bengaluru. The Pensioners/Family Pensioners of LPSC, Bengaluru, having any grievance(s) may send their representations, so as to reach the Senior Administrative Officer, LPSC Bengaluru by post or by e-mail to **sado@lpscb.gov.in on or before 30.06.2023.**

BUSINESS CONNECT
A Business Initiative

Malabar Gold & Diamonds renews association with Superstar NTR Jr. as Brand Ambassador

Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the 6th largest jewellery retailer globally with over 320 showrooms across 11 countries, has signed mass superstar Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao Jr. also known as NTR Jr. as its newest brand ambassador. NTR Jr. will be featured in the upcoming consumer campaigns of Malabar Gold & Diamonds. A prolific actor and a pan-India mass superstar attracting global attention. NTR Jr. speaking about the association said "I am happy to be associated once again with Malabar Gold & Diamonds. Apart from being one of the most trusted jewellery brands, they are actively showcasing Indian designs, art & culture at the global stage". Chairman of Malabar Group, M P Ahammed, speaking in association with NTR Jr said "We are excited to renew our time-tested association with NTR Jr. He is an actor par excellence and his impressive personality will further elevate our brand proposition. We had an amazing association in the past with NTR Jr. and the revival of the relation will help accelerate the acceptance of the brand globally in our ambition to be the no. 1 global jewellery retailer. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary this year, we would like to reaffirm our commitment to offering our valued customers excellence in transparency, jewellery variety and craftsmanship along with world-class jewellery shopping experience".The second innings of NTR Jr. as the brand's ambassador will make Malabar Gold & Diamonds 30th anniversary even more glittering.

Paris Air Show: HAL and FAdeA of Argentina Sign MoU

HAL and Fabrica Argentina de Aviones (FAdeA), Argentina singed a MoU during the ongoing Paris Air show 2023 towards exploring the possibilities of collaboration in the field of MRO and to meet any offset requirements in case of probable sale of HAL made platforms in LATAM region.Similar to HAL, FAdeA is an Argentinian state owned Aerospace company under the administrative supervision of Ministry of Defence involved in design, manufacture and maintenance of civil and military aircraft.

TTK Prestige enhances your Kitchen with Spillage-control Hard Anodised Svachh Pressure Cookers – 'Nakshatra' and 'Popular' for modern kitchens

TTK Prestige, India's most trusted brand in kitchen appliances, has taken its expertise in pressure cookers to new heights with the launch of two new cookers - Hard Anodised (HA) Popular Svachh Pressure Cookers and Nakshatra Hard Anodised (HA) Duo Svachh Pressure Cooker. Designed to revolutionize cooking experiences, the cooker sets a new standard for excellence in the kitchen. TTK Prestige stands behind their innovations offering a 5-year warranty on both, reinforcing the brand's dedication to customer satisfaction. Both pressure cookers come with a unique deep lid that sets it apart from competitors. This feature is engineered to minimize kitchen mess by controlling spills during cooking, providing consumers with a hassle-free cooking experience, and bid farewell to kitchen chaos. To ensure safety and peace of mind in the kitchen, both cookers come with special safety features. TTK Prestige Limited is part of TTK Group. Over the past six decades TTK Prestige Limited, has emerged as India's largest kitchen appliances company catering to the needs of homemakers in the country. Every Prestige brand product is built on the pillars of safety, innovation, durability and trust, making the brand the first choice in millions of homes.

GETTY IMAGES

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> **ALBERTO LONGO**
> Formula E co-founder and chief championship officer

> All of the carbon fibre used in the chassis can be, will be, or has already been recycled. With the batteries, it is really about the cells — the silver bullet in terms of recyclability... [they] will be repurposed every other season
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> **JULIA PALLE**
> Formula E sustainability director

'Track to road', net zero carbon, fun racing: is Formula E delivering?

The all-electric series was created to show that racing can be road-relevant, sustainable and exciting. Nine seasons in, how has it progressed? And what challenges does it face?

S. Dipak Ragav

At a time when the world is acutely aware of the dangers of climate change and the role of greenhouse gas emissions in the climate crisis, motorsport seems like an anachronistic hobby.

Even as governments worldwide are starting to fix a sunset date for internal combustion engine (ICE) cars over the next few decades, motorsport runs primarily on these gas-guzzling engines. In their quest for maximum performance, the traditional ICEs that power these mean racing machines are also the least efficient in terms of fuel mileage.

Even though electric vehicles (EVs) have been around for a while, mass adoption of these automobiles has taken off just a few years ago. Several reasons exist for EVs' slow acceptance, which include a lack of charging points, range anxiety (the worry that the battery charge will not last the distance) and a more simplistic belief that these vehicles lack the sense of fun associated with speed and power.

So in 2011, the then FIA president Jean Todt and Spanish businessman Alejandro Agag conceived an all-electric single-seater series to promote electric mobility and show that an EV can be fast and fun. Another aim was the creation of an avenue for major automobile manufacturers to use motorsport to accelerate the development of EVs.

Since its first season in 2014-15, Formula E has evolved gradually. Its ninth season will conclude next month. So, how much progress has the series made, relative to its founding ideals?

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> FIA Formula E technical manager

Manufacturers have certainly flocked to the sport since its inception. One of the main reasons a manufacturer enters a new series is the transfer of technologies. Road relevance is a key attraction, the aspect that justifies the big budgets needed to run a full-fledged motorsport programme. Formula E has tried to maintain a primary focus on this area.

In terms of technology, this year saw the most advanced electric racing car to date: a Gen3 car with an increased power output of 350kW, significantly higher than the Gen2 car's 250kW.

In an electric car, one of the tools to maximise power output efficiency is the software. It has proved to be a performance differentiator across the teams and something manufacturers can take to their road cars.

Software solution

During a recent media interaction at Jakarta, Formula E co-founder and chief championship officer Alberto Longo said, "Manufacturers see value in our platform to promote their technologies. 'Track to road' is what we do. One of the key elements of why we have so many manufacturers is because they invest in the software.

"The software's end goal is to control the power and the energy and how it becomes more and more efficient, not only on the consumption but also on the regen. So the better software you have, the more efficient your car is, the less battery you use.

"In fact, the Nissan Leaf is 180% more efficient because of the development it did for Formula E on the software," he claimed.

Another instance of Formula E's emphasis on road relevance is its tyres: grooved all-weather rubber, similar to those found on road cars, unlike the slicks Formula One uses. These robust tyres, designed to last a full race, make the car slower, but the FIA doesn't want to change them.

"It's an intentional decision because the promoter and the FIA wanted to keep road car relevancy in Formula E as one of the key pillars," said FIA Formula E technical manager Alessandra Ciliberti. "Having an all-weather tyre, like something that you have got on your road car, tries to showcase that a race car can perform while keeping the essence of what a road tyre is."

Formula E has also worked on sustainability since its inception and claims to be the first sport to achieve net zero carbon. It was ranked the 'Best Total Performer' out of more than 300 global sports organisations in the 2022 Global Sustainability Benchmark in Sports (GSBS) annual report.

Formula E sustainability director Julia Palle gave an insight into how it works. "We have been measuring our carbon footprint since the very first day in Beijing, the very first race, and have been putting in place reduction measures. And then, for what was unavoidable, we decided to purchase carbon credits," she said.

In the Gen3 era, Palle explained that cars had been designed with end-of-life in mind, with an eye on how to recycle the parts.

"All of the carbon fibre used in the chassis can be, will be, or has already been recycled. With the batteries, it is really about the cells – the silver bullet in terms of recyclability. What we have been working on with Williams is that the cells will be repurposed every other season. Season 9's cells will return in season 11. And season 10's cells will return in season 12.

"There have been great improvements in the technologies to recycle metals, including lithium. Over 95% of the metals are recyclable, and lithium is over 85%, close to 90%. The efficiency loss for lithium is very marginal, about 15%," added Palle.

Innovative ideas

While technology is one aspect, Formula E has to work as a sport and entertainment at the end of the day. Considering it competes with established championships that have been around for decades, it must keep finding ways to make the racing more exciting.

In a way, without the baggage of history, the young upstart can experiment with racing ideas such as 'Attack Mode', where drivers take a longer route on a lap and collect energy to use while trying to overtake later.

Another such idea is the fast-charging concept set to debut next year. It was initially planned for this year, but was pushed back for logistical reasons, allowing the time needed to refine the product. A 30-second fast-charging pit stop will make the race more tactical, adding more variance to the strategy.

Since its inaugural season in 2014-15, when drivers had to swap cars mid-race because of the capacity limitation, Formula E has come a long way. It now features vehicles with 350kW in power output and the ability to charge in about 40 minutes.

The challenge for the series in the future will be to stay ahead of the curve in a space where technological advancement is exponential. It must remain the hotbed for new technologies that can eventually translate onto the road while being sustainable. The spectacle of racing must be exciting as well; the fans should receive value for their money.

How Formula E tackles these areas will determine its long-term viability.

GAME THEORY

Top Bangladesh Test batters

Bangladesh's recent 546-run win over Afghanistan was the third biggest in the history of Test cricket. Mominul Haque's second-innings hundred extended his record as the Bangladesh batter with the most Test centuries. Najmul Hossain Shanto became the second Bangladesh batter, after Mominul (2018), to score a hundred in each innings and entered the list of top-10 century-makers for his country. A look at the most prolific Bangladesh Test batters:

Haque

Rahim

Iqbal

MOST TEST CENTURIES

Player	Span	Tests	Inns.	100s	Inns. per 100
Mominul Haque	2013-2023	57	106	**12**	8.8
Mushfiqur Rahim	2005-2023	86	159	**10**	15.9
Tamim Iqbal	2008-2023	70	134	**10**	13.4
Mohammad Ashraful	2001-2013	61	119	**6**	19.8
Mahmudullah	2009-2021	50	94	**5**	18.8
Shakib Al Hasan	2007-2023	66	121	**5**	24.2
Najmul Hossain Shanto	2017-2023	23	44	**4**	11.0
Habibul Bashar	2000-2008	50	99	**3**	33.0
Imrul Kayes	2008-2019	39	76	**3**	25.3
Litton Das	2015-2023	39	68	**3**	22.7

MOST TEST RUNS

Player	Span	Tests	Inns.	Runs	Ave
Mushfiqur Rahim	2005-2023	86	159	**5,553**	38.29
Tamim Iqbal	2008-2023	70	134	**5,134**	38.89
Shakib Al Hasan	2007-2023	66	121	**4,454**	39.07
Mominul Haque	2013-2023	57	106	**3,791**	38.68
Habibul Bashar	2000-2008	50	99	**3,026**	30.87
Mahmudullah	2009-2021	50	94	**2,914**	33.49
Mohammad Ashraful	2001-2013	61	119	**2,737**	24.00
Litton Das	2015-2023	39	68	**2,394**	36.27
Imrul Kayes	2008-2019	39	76	**1,797**	24.28
Javed Omar	2001-2007	40	80	**1,720**	22.05

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Rescued; no relief

During the final round of the US Open, Rory McIlroy got the sort of break on the 14th hole that a man enduring a nine-year Major drought craves.

The golf gods, to say nothing of the golf rulebook, gave the Northern Irishman a chance to save par after his approach shot was seemingly swallowed up by a greenside bunker.

McIlroy was down on his knees near the bunker, desperately trying to find the ball that had disappeared into the gnarly grasses above the sand.

He found the ball embedded in the facing. In the past, an embedded ball that wasn't in the fairway had to be played as it lay. But after a reworking of the rulebook in 2019, free relief is now granted for any ball plugged in any area other than sand.

McIlroy dropped above the bunker, 40 feet away in a perfectly workable lie. He chipped to 10 feet, but missed the par putt. His only bogey of the day put him three behind Wyndham Clark, who eventually won by a stroke.

It was a heartbreaking result for McIlroy, who claimed four Major titles in his first 25 appearances but has remained winless in the next 33.

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No:HUDA/Planning/work/02/2022-23 **Date:21.06.2023**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Commissioner, Hospet Urban Development Authority, HosapeteVijayanagara District Invites tenders in Two Cover system using standard tender documents from Eligible contractors for 2022-23 Authority General Development Fund **1. WORK_INDENT/1- 97.50 Lakh 2. WORK_INDENT/2-99.50 Lakh 3.WORK_INDENT/4–89.00 Lakh 4. WORK_INDENT/5–98.00 Lakh**

Last date & time for tender Submission: **01.07.2023 at 17.00 Hrs.** Pre Bid Meeting Date: **27.06.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.** Technical Bid Opening date and time for receipt of tenders: **03.07.2023 at 17.10 hrs.** Financial Bid Opening date and time for receipt of tenders : **04.07.2023 at 17:10 Hrs.** Tender Opening Place: **Hospet Urban Development Authority Office, Hosapete**

Single Cover System Using Standard Tender documents from **Eligible** contractors for 2022-23 Authority General Development Fund **5. WORK_INDENT/3–49.50 Lakh, 6.WORK_INDENT/6-12.80 Lakh.**

Last date & time for tender Submission: **01.07.2023 at 17.00 Hrs.** Pre Bid Meeting Date: **27.06.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.** Financial Bid Opening date and time for receipt of tenders: **03.07.2023 at 17:10 Hrs.** Tender Opening Place: **Hospet Urban Development Authority Office, Hosapete**

Interested Contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender, Contractors can download the tender documents from the https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/e-procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically & tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically. Any Quarry Contact Office Telephone No:08394-227749.

Sd/- Commissioner, Hosapete Urban Development Authority, Hosapete, Vijayanagara District

DIPR/Vijayanagar/32/KSMCA/2023-24

Govt of Karnataka
(Dept of Urban Development)
District Urban Development Cell
Deputy Commissioner's office,
Mandya District, Mandya

E-Mail: ka.mandya.dudc@gmail.com Ph.No:08232-231111

No:MUN(06)LW/2021-22 **Date:20-06-2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through The Government Of Karnatka Public Procurement Potal)

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 project, a tender has been invited through the Public Procurement Portal of the Government of Karnataka under the **Karnataka Standard Tender Document – KW-4** as per the Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Directions 1999-2000 Act 2000. Eligible tenderers can participate in the tender through the portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl.No : 01. Work Details : **Remediation and reclamation of land by Processing and Disposal of Legacy waste at Survey no. 733 of Hootagere SWM site of Town Municipal Council Maddur as per Central Pollution Board Guidelines (DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT 554).** Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Lakhs) : **201.03.** Amount of E.M.D (in Rs.) : **3,02,000/-**

(1) Tender Pre-Bid Meeting Date:**28.06.2023 at 11.30 AM,** Place: District Urban Development Cell, DC office, Mandya. (2) Last Date for Submission of Tender (Through e-portal Only)**: 21.07.2023 Upto 5.30 PM**. (3) Date of opening of Technical bid through e-portal: **24.07.2023, 11.30 AM.** Details contact Health Section District Urban Development Cell, DC office, Mandya in working hours on working day and also through e-procurement website: **www.eprocurement.karnataka.gov.in.**

Note: Any changes in the calendar of events and Tender conditions will be notified through e-procurement portal only.

Sd/-Project Director, DUDC, Mandya

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ABDULLA S/o Abdul Shukur residing at No.193, Kithnamangala Village, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkuru-572130 Karnataka have changed my name to Abdulla Shaik vide affidavit dated 22-06-2023 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU- 560001.
O.A. NO. 961/2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LIMITED,
The Senate IBC, Ulsoor Road, Yellappa Garden, Yellappa Chetty Layout, Sivachetti Gardens, Bengaluru- 560008.
...APPLICANT

AND :
1. Mr. Shadab Khan,
S/o Mr. Bachankahn
No. 205, D2, 4th Floor, Puttappa Layout, Papaya Reddy Lane, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-560075.
Also at
Mr. Shadab Khan,
S/o Mr. Bachankahn
No. 28, 2nd Floor, Bikasipura Main Road, 3rd Main ISRO Layout, Bangalore-560078.
...DEFENDANT

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of Rs. 28,70,724.26/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four Paisa Twenty Six Only) together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 08.09.2023 at 10.30 A.M., as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this the 19th day of June 2023

Asst. Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I
Bangalore

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I Vyshali Ranganath Kini alias Vyshali N D/o L Nagaraja, W/o Ranganath Kini, residing at Flat 303, 3rd Floor, Janhavi Enclave Apartments, Sy. No 35/3, 1st Main, Btm 3rd Stage, Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560076, have changed my name to Vyshali Ranganath Kini for all purposes in future.

LEGAL NOTICE

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU- 560001
O.A. NO. 931/2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LIMITED,
The Senate IBC, Ulsoor Road, Yellappa Garden, Yellappa Chetty Layout, Sivachetti Gardens, Bangalore- 560008.
...APPLICANT

AND :
1. Mr. Depak K Kathre,
Aged about 32 years
Proprietor M/s Moonlight Enterprises, Karwar Road, MTM Cross, Girani Chawal, Old Hubli, Dharwad-580024.
...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of Rs. 30,83,125.00/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Only) together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 21.09.2023 at 10.30 A.M., as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.

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Asst. Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I
Bangalore

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

AFFIDAVIT OF CHANGE OF NAME

BY THIS DEED, the undersigned I, **ANANTHRAJAIH** (New Name) previously called **B.S. ANANTHARAJAIH** (Old Name), Son of BRAMHA SURYA, aged 74 years, Residing at No.118, Charles Campbell Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560005, do hereby solemnly affirm and state oath on as follows:-

1. I state that, in Shares Certificate No. 9866. Regd. Folio No. TWB0000189, Distinctive Nos. 23121561-23124840, No. of. shares 3280, issued by **TITAN INDUSTRIES LTD** and share certificate No.527418, Regd. Folio No. 30952, Distinctive Nos. 44683016-44683450, No.of Shares 435, issued by **Hero Honda Motors Limited** is recorded as **B.S. ANANTHARAJAIH.**

2. I state that, in my PAN Card Number: EZPPA1353C my name is recorded as **ANANTHRAJAIH.**

3. That I am interested and decided to change my name from **B.S. ANANTHARAJAIH** To **ANANTHRAJAIH** by my free will and wish and not by any force, threat or pressure by any person.

4. That from today onwards, that is from hereafter, hereinafter I will abandon the use of my former/old/previous name **B.S. ANANTHARAJAIH** and in place of my old name will be using my new name **ANANTHRAJAIH** only.

5. That I shall at all times hereafter in all records, deeds, documents, writings, and in all proceedings, dealings and transactions, private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever in use, wherever in use and sign the name of **ANANTHRAJAIH** as my name/surname in place and in substitution of my former name/surname of **B.S. ANANTHARAJAIH.**

Vide affidavit dated: 21.06.2023 sworn before Notary N Narayanaswamy, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU- 560001
O.A. NO. 932/2022

BETWEEN:
ICICI BANK LIMITED,
The Senate IBC, Ulsoor Road, Yellappa Garden, Yellappa Chetty Layout, Shivanchetti Gardens, Bangalore-560008.
...APPLICANT

AND :
1. Mr. Palli Eswar Rao P
Aged about 31 years,
S/o Mr. Palli Dharma Rao,
S O P Darma Rao, 01
Agalagurki Nandi
Chikkaballapur, Bangalore-561203. **...DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 25,68,707.12/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven and paisa Tewlve Only)** together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **21/09/2023** at 10.30 A.M., as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this the 19th day of June, 2023.

Asst. Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I
Bangalore

LEGAL NOTICE

O.S 317/2023
IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE III ADDL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C BELAGAVI AT : BELAGAVI

BETWEEN: 1) Bhuvaneshwari W/o Yamanappa Bandi Rep By its GPA Holder Mr Iqbal S/o Abbasali Arab And Another
AND : ..... PLAINTIFFS.
1) Dr. Jayashree B S R/o: Sheshadri Falt, 991 Swamy Narayan Apt. 3rd Cross, HMT Layout 6th Block Vidyranyapura Bengaluru -560097
....DEFENDANT

CITATION

WHEREAS, the above named Plaintiffs have filed above suit against the defendant for the relief of permanent injunction and any other appropriate reliefs.

WHEREAS, the above named is shown as defendant in the top noted matter. You have been hereby directed to appear in the top noted case and plead your defense by appearing personally or through advocate on 26-07-2023 at 11.00.a.m failing which defendant be placed Ex-parte and necessary orders would be passed in accordance with law.

Given Under the hand and seal of the court this 22nd day of June 2023.

By Order of the court
Sd/- Sheristedar.
III Addl. Civil Judge, Belagavi.
Bench Clerk.
Sd/- (Asha S Kotimath)
Advocate for Plaintiffs

LEGAL NOTICE

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560001
O.A. NO. 963/2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LIMITED,
The Senate IBC, Ulsoor Road, Yellappa Garden, Yellappa Chetty Layout, Shivanchetti Gardens, Bangalore- 560008.
...APPLICANT

AND :
1. Mr. Devikiran S,
S/o Mr. Shrinivas Poojary,
Aged Major, (17/5/1995),
4-64, Kadapu Road,
Haleangady, Near Pavajnje Temple Dakshin Kannada,
Mangalore- 574146.
...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 31,96,880.84/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty and Paisa Eighty Four Only)** together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 21/09/2023 at 10.30 A.M., as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.

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Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this the 19th day of June 2023.

Asst. Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I
Bangalore

Realty firm Concorde to invest ₹225 cr. in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Concorde, a Bengaluru-based realty developer, said it would invest ₹225 crore to expand its presence in commercial real estate in the city.

With this strategic investment, Concorde would develop and launch over 2 million sq.ft of commercial space over the next two years.

This investment was to cater to the rising demand for sustainable workspaces in Bengaluru post the pandemic era, the realty firm said.

"We will focus on establishing Grade A office space in the micro markets of the city. The demand for sustainable workspaces has grown significantly post-pandemic, and we aim to provide top-notch commercial properties that redefine the way people work," said Grishma Reddy, Director, Concorde.

Free eye check-up

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A free eye check-up camp for senior citizens, organised by Sudarshana Nethralaya, will be held till June 30 between 9.30 a.m and 7 p.m on Nethralaya premises, #107, S.R. Paradise, Temple Road. For details, call 080-23341747 or 080-41724935

BANGALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE
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Office of the Director cum Dean, Fort, K.R. Road,
Bengaluru - 560 002. Telephone: 080-26700810, Tele Fax: 080-26704342
E-mail: director_bmcri@yahoo.co.in

No: BMCRI/Sup(2)/12/2022-23 Dated: 21-06-2023

Re-E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Re-E-Tenders are invited for the Establishment of **Skill Lab as per NMC Norms in BMCRI, Bengaluru.**
Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-Procurement mode only. Website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Interested tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website. **1)** Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders: **26-06-2023. 2)** Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: **10-07-2023 before 4.30 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Tenders: **12-07-2023 at 11.30 AM.** For further details contact **Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru.**

Sd/- Director cum Dean, BMCRI, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/359/Adverto/2023-24

BANGALORE MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
No.5, 2nd Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No. BMICAPA/CLU-03/80/2022-23 Date: 23.06.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

[UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961]

Sri Nasrulla Shariff and Smt.Husna Khanum, GPA Holder have applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Agriculture"** Zone to **"Commercial (Resort)"** purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining Sy.No: 153/2 Extent 02Acre-15Guntas and Sy.No: 153/3 Extent 0Acre-30Guntas totally measuring 03Acre-05Guntas of Doddankanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1. At the time of Developing the Resort, there will be job opportunities to Labourers in the neighborhood.
2. If this land is developed, then the surrounding area will also get developed.
3. Once the land is developed there will be tremedous increase in job opportunities/employment in the said village.
4. As it will be a good tourist place because it is surrouded by the historical places & shooting spots near by .

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 15 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/JA/364/2023-24

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA (ICAI)
Head Office: ICAI Bhawan, Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi-110002
Branch Office: TIRUPATI BRANCH OF SIRC OF ICAI
592, Bodhi Enclave, Balaji Colony, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh-517502

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (TENDER NOTICE)

ICAI Invites bids, in prescribed format, from experienced and reputed Architectural firms/Architects for Appointment of Architect for providing comprehensive Architectural and PMC services for its proposed Institutional Building at Plot No.C-19 in Seshachalam Hill View Layout Phase-I, HIG/C, survey No.195/1 of Chennaiahgunta Village Tirumala Nagar Gram Panchayat, Mangalam Group, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

The detailed terms and conditions/Tender are available at ICAI's website www.icai.org/post/icai-eoi- tenders & www.icai-SIRC.orgsirc-icai.org
Date for final submission of Tender: 10-07-2023, 05.00 pm
Date of Opening Tender: 11-07-2023

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,KNNL No.2 Division,Oddarahatti
State:Karnataka Ph No: 08533-271361

No.EE/KNNL/CD.2/TS-2/2023-24/ 312 Date:22-06-202312

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement system)

On behalf of the Managing Director KNNL Bangalore the Executive Engineer No.2 Division Odderahatti the undersigned invites in www.e-proc.kar.nic.in percentage basis tenders in **Single Cover** from the registered eligible KPWD contractors, Work Related to "**Repairs to Mile 10 Escape gate at Ch.487.5 of TLBC**" and bidder can access amount put to tender 40.04 lakhs , EMD Rupees 80500/- and additional details etc., in above website. Calendar of events, **the last date for submission of tender Dt: 30-06-2023 up to 05.00 PM and tender opening Date:01-07-2023 at 5.10 PM** respectively. Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. For any other clarification/details contact https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or under signed office during office hours Contact No-08533-271361.

Sd/- Executive Engineer KNNL
No.2 Canal Division Odderahatti

DIPR/Koppal/43/KSMCA/2023-24

North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation
Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Hubballi

NWKT/EE/HBL/DB(T)/192/2023-24. Date : 22/06/2023

Short Term Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) No-01/ 2023-24 (4th Call) (Through GOK kppp platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Lumsum rate tender in single cover system through GOK kppp portal for the following works as per Karnataka Transparency act in Public Procurement ordinance of 2000 is invited from the reputed project management Consultancy firms / Project management services agencies,/ Practicing Civil Engineers, registered in Government Registering Authorities for carrying out Third Party inspection. Intending consultants/firms can obtain the tender details through web site (https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in) & up load the duly completed tenders/relevant documents as prescribed in NIT, with in the stipulated date and time & tender shall be submitted through kppp portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) only.

Tender notification No.	Name of Work	EMD (in Rupees)	Stipulated Time	Last date & time for submission of tender
01	Third Party Inspection for the Work of **"Construction of Driving & Mechanic training institute with its sub works at Shiggaon Dist : Haveri"** [Work Estimate Amt. Rs. **1740.00** Lakhs] (4th Call)	**87,000.00**	12 Months or till the completion of project	**01.07.2023** & 16.00 hrs

For further details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for any "HELP" regarding uploading of Tender Documents, please call on help desk **-+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777** or Call **0836-2332383**. Any changes in NIT, Corrigendum/Addendum will be published in kppp portal only, separate paper notification will not be issued.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
NWKRTC C.E. Department, Central Office, Hubballi

By E-Mail/e-Despatch E_Mail ID:- serwcbaripada@gmail.com ; Ph.No. 06792-261343 / 261344
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA Gangraj, Baripada
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA
"e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Work
Identification No.- Online Tender-Bridge N.C.B. No.284 for 2023-24
Letter No. 2977 / Date : 21.06.2023 //

1. Name of the Work : **Bridge works under Biju Setu Yojana in the District of Mayurbhanj.**
2. Total No. of Work : **04 Nos. (Four)**
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs.449.00 lakhs to Rs.784.47 lakhs** (approximately).
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : **As per Annexure**
5. Period of Completion : **As per Annexure**
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W.Circle,Baripada. Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada.	**Bridge On-line N.C.B. No. 284**	**Dt.29.06.2023 at 11.00 A.M.**	**Dt.14.07.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.**	**Dt.13.07.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.**	**Dt.15.07.2023 at 11.00 A.M.**	**Will be intimated later**

- Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in
- Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the above e_tender website only.

Sd/- Er. N.V.H.Rao, Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Baripada.
O-258: OIPR-25130/11/0009/2324

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com; Tel/FAX:- 0680-2404287)
At:-Ambapua, Po:-Engineering School Near Income Tax Office, Berhampur-760011

NOTICE
FOR PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH "e"- Procurement
Bid identification No. Online Tender/11-2023-24/PMGSY/BPR

The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads & Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of **Ganiam for 06 (Six)** number of packages with estimated cost totalling to **Rs 16.72 Cr (Approximate)** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with **State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways.** The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract .

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. Dtd. ***28.06.2023***

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) of ITB with **Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur // Superintending Engineer / Executive Engineer of the Concerned divisions** on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement : 12.07.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.

For further details and corrigendum (if any) please log on to **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**.

Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur
O-264: OIPR-25071/11/0013/2324

ODISHA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVT. OF ODISHA UNDERTAKING)
PANTHANIVAS (OLD BLOCK): LEWIS ROAD: BHUBANESWAR-14

Letter No.- 1754 **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** Date: 21.06.2023

NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (NIFB) - E-Procurement Notice No.: BP-I/02/2023-24 dt.21.06.2023

1. Nature of Work : Infrastructure, Renovation, Pre-fab kiosk Work etc.
2. Total No. of Works : 29 Nos.
3. Value of Works : Rs. 7.00 lakhs to 363.50 lakhs.
4. Bid security : As per NIT
5. Class of Contractor : As per NIT.
6. Period of Completion : 3 (Three) Months to 11 (Eleven) Months.
7. Other details as follow :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Bid Online From	To	Date, Time & Place of Opening of Tender
Superintending Engineer(I/C), O.T.D.C. Ltd.	BP-I/02/2023-24 dt.21.06.2023	From 05.07.2023	To 19.07.2023	11.30 Hours of dt.20.07.2023 in the office of the Superintending Engineer(I/C), O.T.D.C. Ltd. Bhubaneswar.

Further details can be seen from the Government Website: **www.etenderodisha.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(I/C), O.T.D.C. L.td., BBSR.
CAD-1048: OIPR-37002/11/0004/2324

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Sl.No:TMCBPT/HS/T1/2023-24 Date:19.06.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Government of Karnataka E- Procurement Portal only)

As per Karnataka Transparency in the Public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 under Standard Tender documents Rules KW4 the undersigned invites tenders in Two cover system for Eligible Contractors through e-procurement portal for the works detailed below. The contractors may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Further details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned.**1.**Last date & time for submission of tender : **27.07.2023, hrs: 17.00** PM **2.**Date & time of opening Technical bid : **31.07.2023, hrs : 11.00 AM 3.** Date & time of opening Financial bid : **07.08.2023 hrs : 11.00 AM 1.**Name of work:DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT430 Processing And Disposal Of Legacy Waste In Survey Number 21 Byadabele Village Kasaba Hobli Bangarpet Taluk As Per CPCB Guidelines. Estimate Amount **Rs. 228.58/-** in lakhs, EMD **Rs.3,43,000/-** Period:**7.02** Months.

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(Smt.Rashmi U., KAS)
Tahsildar, Taluk Office and Administrator,
Town Municipal Council
Bangarpet

Sd/-
(G.N.Chalapathi, KMAS)
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Uditnagar, Rourkela, Dist.: - Sundargarh (Odisha) Pin - 769 012
Website : www.rmc.nic.in, Email Id : rourkelamunicipality@gmail.com

No. 7237 **TENDER CALL NOTICE** Date: 22/06/23

Sealed tenders are invited from the reputed firms /Agencies for **"Engagement of Manpower for Cleaning, Sweeping, Bush Cutting, Garden Trimming Conservancy cleaning Pavements both side including median from Bisra Chowk to Space Chowk via Chhend Chowk Ring Road and Hanuman Vatika chowk to Hockey Chowk and it's supervision on Outsource Basis".**

Detail technical specifications, along with terms& conditions etc. may be seen from the Web site of Rourkela Municipal Corporation i.e. **www.rmc.nic.in**. Date of issue of tender documents from **dtd 22.06.2023**.

The last date for receipt of sealed tender is **05.07.2023 till 01:00 P.M.** through Speed Post/ Regd. Post /Courier/ or by hand in the office address of the undersigned.

Commissioner,
Rourkela Municipal Corporation

C-642: OIPR-13131/11/0024/2324

Ref.No: SO/V/2023-24/204/1741 Date: 22.06.2023

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RFP FOR EMPANELMENT OF EVENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY (S) TO CONDUCT VARIOUS EVENTS ORGANIZED BY STARTUP ODISHA

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Chief Administrative Officer

CAD-1039: OIPR - 43007/11/0007/2324

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Short e-Tender Call Notice

OSSC Ltd. invites e-Tender from Producers on item wise rate contract basis for Procurement of TC Pomegranate for the year 2023-24 in double cover system through online mode only for the work below.

Name of the work	**Purchase of TC Pomegranate for the Year - 2023-24**
No of work	**One**
Availability of Bid Documents in Portal	**15.00 hours on dt.26.06.2023 to 17.00 hrs of dt.05.07.2023**
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	**17.00 hrs of dt.05.07.2023**
Date and Time of Opening of Bid	**10.30 hrs of dt.06.07.2023**

The detailed descriptions of crops, varieties, quantity parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal **www.terndersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/ corrigendum/cancellation can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- **Managing Director, OSSC Ltd.**
CAD-1049: OIPR-01106/11/0017/2324

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TIRUCHENDUR BRANCH

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002;

Place: Tiruchendur, **Date:** 26.05.2023

From, Authorised Officer/ Chief Manager, Indian Bank, MAPC, Tirunelveli - 627 007.
To: Borrower: 1. Mr. S. Yogesh Kumaran, S/o.Selvaraj, No.19/39,10th C, Main 6th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560 010, **Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor: 2. Mrs.Suganya,** W/o. S.Yogesh Kumaran, No.19/39,10th C, Main 6th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore -560 010.
Sir/Madam,
Sub: Your Home Loan Account Number **668334506-9** & Home Loan Plus account no. **718896859-0** with Indian Bank, Tiruchendur Branch.

The 1st and 2nd of you are the Borrower and Co Borrower of the above Home loan & Home Loan plus accounts now or at all material times. The second of you is the mortgagor having offered your assets as security to the loan accounts availed by all of you.

At the request of all of you, in the course of banking business, the following facilities were sanctioned and were availed by you.

S.No	Nature of Facility	Limit (Rs.)
1.	Home Loan -6683345069	25,00,000/-
2.	Home Loan Plus -7188968590	22,00,000/-

1st & 2nd of you have executed the following documents for the said facilities:

Nature of Facilities	Nature Documents Executed
Home Loan 6683345069	1. D1-Joint and Several Demand Promissory Note dated 06.10.2018 2. D128-Term Loan agreement for Home Loan dated 06.10.2018 3. D11-Acknowledgemnt of Debt –Cum-Security dated 24.09.2021
Home Loan Plus 7188968590	1. D1-Joint and Several Demand Promissory Note dated 06.04.2022 2. D128-Term Loan agreement for Home Loan dated 06.04.2022

2nd of you have executed the following documents for the said facilities.

Nature of Facilities	Nature Documents Executed
Home Loan 6683345069	1.D32 Letter from party to Bank confirming reation of Equitable Mortgage dated 26.11.2018
Home Loan Plus 7188968590	2.D33 Letter from party to Bank confirming Extension of Equitable Mortgage dated 06.04.2022

The repayment of the said loan is secured by mortgage of property given in the schedule hereunder belonging to 2nd of you.

Despite repeated requests calling upon you to pay the amounts together with interest; all of you and each of you who are jointly and severally liable have failed and committed default in repaying the amount due. The loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset since **10.04.2023** in accordance with directions/ guidelines relating to asset classifications issued by Reserve Bank of India.

The outstanding dues payable by you as on as on **16.05.2023** amounts to **Rs.45,54,139/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Nine only)** and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from **17.05.2023** till date of repayment besides costs/charges, if any

The term borrower, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, means, any person who has been granted financial assistance by Bank or who has given any guarantee or created any mortgage / created charge as security for the said financial assistance granted by the Bank.

Therefore, all of you are hereby called upon to pay the amount as on **16.05.2023** viz. **Rs.45,54,139/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Nine only)** together with interest from **26.04.2023** till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice issued under Sec.13 (2) failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest without any further reference to you under the said Act. If you fail to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall be exercising its enforcement rights under Sec 13 (4) of the Act as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder.

On the expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice and on your failure to comply with the demand, Bank shall take necessary steps to take possession for exercising its right under the Act.

Please note that as per the Provisions of Sec 13 (13) of the Act no transfer of the secured assets (given in the schedule hereunder) by way of sale, lease or otherwise, shall be made after the date of this notice without the prior written consent of the bank.

Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. Please note that this notice is issued without prejudice to Bank's right to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with the execution of order/ decree obtained/to be obtained.

Please note that the Bank reserves its right to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding bills discounted, Bank guarantees and Letter of Credit issued and established on your behalf as well as other contingent liabilities.

The Undersigned is a duly Authorized Officer of the Bank to issue this Notice and exercise powers under Section 13 aforesaid.

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder:

Mortgaged Assets: Schedule Of Property:

Description of property: 4.76 Cents of land and building at plot No.47, ward No.19, SY No.349/26B1A1, Kumarapuram, Anbu Nagar A colony, Keela Tiruchendur Village, Tiruchendur Town Panchayath, Tiruchendur SRO, Tiruchendur Taulk, Tuticorin District. **Boundaries: North :** South North 7mt width East West common pathway**, South :** Plot No.46, **East:** Plot No.48, **West:** East West 7mt width South North common pathway.

Authorised Officer,
Indian Bank

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Heartfelt Tributes to our Loktantra Senanis

It was the midnight of 25 June 1975. A state of Emergency was imposed in the country as per the directive of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. It trampled upon the fundamental rights of citizens and democratic values of the nation. The voice of the press was silenced and leaders of the opposition were jailed.

More than 300 people across Assam had to face atrocities for opposing this dictatorial decision. It was through the efforts of the Loktantra Senanis that democracy was restored after 1 year and 9 months on March 21, 1977.

"Democracy is one of our sacred and shared values. Throughout history, one thing has been clear, democracy is the spirit that supports equality and dignity. Democracy is the idea that welcomes debate and discourse."

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister, India

The Loktantra Senanis are an inspiration for India, the **'Mother of Democracy'**. Govt of Assam has taken a humble effort to felicitate them at a special event.

Looking forward to your cooperation and gracious presence at the event

Chief Guest

Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma
Chief Minister, Assam

Date: 25 June 2023 **Time: 11.30 AM**

Venue: Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, Panjabari, Guwahati

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City police to file charge sheet in metro pillar accident case

Nine accused persons - six from Nagarjuna Constructions Company Ltd. and three officials from Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. - have been charged under Section 304A of IPC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police are all set to file an 1,100-page charge sheet in the metro pillar accident case which killed a mother-son duo on Outer Ring Road (ORR) on January 10. The reinforcement of an under-construction metro pier collapsed on a moving scooter killing the pillion rider Tejaswini L., Sulakhe, and her 2.5-year-old son Vihan L., Sulakhe, while the woman's husband and daughter escaped unhurt.

The charge sheet, likely to be filed in the court on Saturday or Monday, lists nine accused - six from Nagarjuna Constructions Company (NCC) Ltd, the firm that holds the contract of the K.R. Puram - KIA line, and three Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) officials, charging them for causing death due to negligence under Section 304A of the Indian Penal Code.

The under-construction reinforcement structure for the Namma Metro pillar collapsed on the Outer Ring Road, killing a woman and her child in Bengaluru in January this year. FILE PHOTO

Those listed as accused in the case are, the contractor NCC Ltd, Joint Director Prabhakar, Director Chaitanya, Senior Project Manager Mathai, Project Manager Prakash Singh, and Supervisor Lakshmipathi of NCC Ltd, and BMRCL officials Chief Engineer Venkatesh Shetty, Executive Engineer Mahesh Bandekari, and Joint Engineer Jaffer Sadiq.

The police had roped in Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, and Indian Institute of Science for the technical probe into the accident, reports of which are now part of the charge sheet. IIT Hyderabad report found lack of adequate support, and improper design of the reinforcing structure for the under-construction metro pillars as responsible for the accident.

BMRCL then shifted to 2-stage reinforcement for under-construction metro piers, taller than 12 metres, based on their height to ensure safety. Earlier, BMRCL used to build a one-metre high concrete base on which reinforcements for pillars as high as even 12 - 23 metres were erected.

Woman falls to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A woman fell to her death from the 10th-floor balcony of her apartment complex at Yelahanka New Town here on Thursday night. She was identified as Amruta Sharma, an employee in a private firm.

After dinner, she locked her husband in their bedroom and rushed to the 10th floor of the apartment and jumped around 10 p.m. Security guards at the apartment took her to a nearby hospital, but she was declared brought dead. Other residents of the apartment rushed to her flat and found her husband locked up. They let him out and informed him of the incident.

The police said there were no problems in the marital life of the couple and that she was dejected over the recent death of her father, which, they said, may have pushed her to take the extreme step.

(Those who are in distress or having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help)

Police crack murder case in two hours

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The West Division Police cracked a murder case within two hours on Wednesday night, where two men allegedly bludgeoned their friend to death over a drunken brawl.

Friends Vijaykumar, Lokesh, and Girish had gone to a bar in Srigandha Kaval on Wednesday. As they were leaving the bar, Girish asked Vijaykumar to pay the bill, to which he not only refused but made fun of Girish's limp, the police said. This reportedly enraged Girish and he beat up Vijaykumar. When the latter fell to the ground, he bludgeoned him to death by smashing a stone on his head and fled the spot.

The Annapoorneshwarinagar police identified the suspects with the help of CCTV footage from the bar. They immediately put up nakabandi in the area, and with the help of technical evidence tracked down Girish and Lokesh and arrested them.

INBRIEF

CET online verification of documents from June 27

The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has announced that the online document verification of candidates who have mentioned eligibility clause code (a) in the CET-2023 online application form will be conducted from June 27 to July 15. Candidates who have claimed eligibility under clauses (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), and (o), have been told to appear for offline verification of documents at the KEA office in Bengaluru. It has been informed that the schedule will be published in due course. Ramya S., executive director of KEA, said in a release on Friday that to claim eligibility clause (a), he/she should have studied and passed in one or more government or government-recognised educational institutions in the State for a minimum of seven academic years commencing from class I to class XII or II PU as on July 1 of the year in which the entrance test is held and must have appeared and passed either SSLC/class X/II PU/class XII examination from Karnataka State.

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Siddaramaiah to convene meeting to discuss MSME problems

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Refuting allegations that the electricity tariff hike has been effected to fund Gruha Jyothi scheme, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday promised to convene a separate meeting to discuss the problems of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in the State.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Minister for Energy K.J. George at a meeting with officials and MSME industry representatives in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'False allegation'

"The Gruha Jyothi scheme has nothing to with electricity tariff revision. Allegation that the burden of Gruha Jyoti has been shifted on industrialists is false," the Chief Minister told a delegation of Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FKCCI) led by its president B.V. Gopal Reddy that called on him on Friday.

Energy Minister K.J. George was also present.

According to a release from the Chief Minister's Office, he told the delegation that the Congress government had not taken any decision on increasing electricity charges, and pointed to the KERC that had increased the charges before the government came to power.

Separate meeting

The Chief Minister assured that a separate meeting of the KASSIA and FKCCI would be held with the Finance and Energy Departments to discuss the demands submitted by the delegation. Among others, industries have appealed for reduction in electricity tax from 9% to 3% which is levied on small and medium industries and HT industries.

Industries have also requested discounts on fuel escalation charges and also to form MSME policy and legislation which is already in force in other States.

We won't start any new universities in State, says Sudhakar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar said that the government has "no intention" of starting new universities in the State and will instead focus on research and quality education.

He expressed his displeasure over seven new universities started during the last days of the BJP government and said, "It is very difficult to provide adequate funds for the newly formed State universities. There is no point in promoting one university for every 40 to 50 colleges in the State."

Speaking to the media after bidding farewell to the students of the State universities who are going to the University of Dundee, United Kingdom, on Friday at the Higher Education Council, he added: "During its last days, the BJP government started seven new universities in Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Koppal, Haveri, Bidar and Bagalkote districts. But, it granted only ₹2 crore per university. What kind of universities will be able to be built with ₹2 crore?" he asked.

M.C. Sudhakar

'It is very difficult to provide adequate funds for the newly formed State universities'

Woman conductor slaps passenger

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

A video of a woman conductor slapping an elderly woman after an altercation has gone viral on the social media leading to show-cause notice being issued to the conductor.

The incident reportedly happened on the Hubballi-bound bus from Betadur in Kundagol taluk of Dharwad district on Thursday evening. In the video, the conductor and the elderly woman can be seen hurling abuses at each other, finally resulting in the slap.

According to PRO of NWKRTC, H. Ramanagoudar, the woman allegedly misbehaved and hurled abuses at the conductor after objecting to the slow speed of the bus. However, a show-cause notice has been issued to the conductor, he said.

The bus slowed down near Shalawadi to allow the conductor to issue tickets to passengers before the next stop.

The woman was reportedly upset and argued with the conductor, who tried to reason with her initially, sources said.

Books on agriculture invited

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, has invited books for Kannada Krushi Pustaka Prashasti 2022 from writers who have written on agriculture in Kannada. Books published during 2022 are eligible. Writers can send three copies to the Head, Kannada Research Section, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK campus, Bengaluru by July 30.

44 stolen bikes worth ₹35 lakh recovered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The J.P. Nagar police secured two minor boys and have recovered 44 stolen bikes worth ₹35 lakh from them. The duo had been stealing bikes parked in front of houses and selling them for at least two years now.

Two minors secured

The police, while probing a string of bike theft cases in their jurisdiction, secured the duo based on technical evidence and CCTV footage, but later realised they were minors.

The police later informed the Juvenile Justice Board and recorded the statements of the two minors in their presence and handed them over to the custody of the government boy's home.

With the duo being busted, the police claimed to have cracked 44 two-wheeler theft cases in the city, including one case in J.P. Nagar, six cases in Kadugodi, five cases each in HAL and K.R. Puram, and two cases each in Banashankari and Mico Layout.

Timings
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RISE 05:55	SET 18:49
RISE 10:50	SET 23:30
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RISE 05:56	SET 18:49
RISE 11:36	SET 00:00
MONDAY, JUN. 26	
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RISE 12:21	SET 00:04

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29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable and humid. Night also will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C The weather will be comfortable and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain or thundershower will occur.

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Self-reliance doesn't mean we do everything ourselves: ISRO chief

S. Somanath was delivering the inaugural address at a programme organised by the Department of Space on self-reliance in space technology

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman S. Somanath on Friday said that self-reliance doesn't mean that we do everything ourselves.

Delivering the inaugural address at a programme organised by Department of Space on self-reliance in space technology, Mr. Somanath said, "Indian space story is a story of *atmanirbhartha* (self-reliance), promoting atmanirbhartha. I would like to look at this word once again more carefully. What exactly do you mean by *atmanirbhartha*? I believe that it is nothing but if we want to do something we are not denied the possibility of doing it. It is simple like that. So, it doesn't mean that you do everything by yourself. I think that meaning is not there".

ISRO chairman S. Somanath speaking at the Department of Space programme in Bengaluru. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Mr. Somanath added that in a world which is getting more connected and inclusive we cannot take such a stand that we are going to do everything ourselves and be in a closed society. "We took support and help from so many people across the world, including advanced nations to initiate the capability and development in this country and we see the fruits of the benefit, " Mr. Somanath added.

Mr. Somanath said that when India's space programme started there were a lot of questions as to why ISRO was doing it. "Today, it is very easy to say that we are already a developed nation, but we don't even understand the difficulties and issues faced by the forefathers in even thinking about it (space programme)," he said.

Citing the example of how India is still lagging in the domain of electronic chips, he said that it is going to take another 10-20 years for India to come up to some level in this sector. "Whom do we blame today? For what actions we did not take I think we will be blamed in the future. But space is definitely not a case to be mentioned like that. It is something that we must be proud of as there were at least few men and women to envision it, support it and create it in India so that we can talk about opening up the space sector, expanding space enterprise etc," he said.

Mr. Somanath said that when India started its space programme it was lagging behind as it did not even have chemicals that make propellants and that even steel and aluminium used for building rockets and satellites were not made in India. "Today all of them are made in India, 90% of the PSLV is actually produced in India, of course there are still imports which include alloying elements of the steel and there are electronic components that are still being imported in a substantial number, but that percentage is very small. But for spacecraft if you look at it is still 50%, only 50% of the value is produced in India, which means 50% of the value is spent on import content," he said.

He once again reiterated that it is not a bad thing to import systems because there are better products available outside so that we can make a more efficient and cost effective satellite.

"If you really want to expand the satellite building activity in this country, will we ever be choked. Will we ever be able to get the best of the processors and chips that are made in the world at our disposal so that we can design a better satellite and compete with others in this same domain? These questions have to be addressed," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client has intent to purchase a Property bearing **Property bearing Sy No.4/4 &** Residential Site No.1A, **Katha No.170,** Situated at **MAHADEVAPURA Village,** K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bangalore, **total Measuring 5256 Sq.feet.,** and bounded on the:-

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North by : Sy.No.4/3;
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Dome over the room

People keen on eco-friendly methods are returning to the roots now, domed roofs being one among them, says **Sathya Prakash Varanashi**

COVER

Pyramids could be among the oldest of human construction still standing today, but it's simple to understand why - just a big heap of stones. What is among the most astonishing still-standing ancient structure?

There could be many answers, one among them being the Treasury of Atreus at Mycenae, Greece, standing strong for over 3,200 years! Supposedly commissioned by King Agamemmon, its famous for its corbelled masonry dome, the earliest extant example we have.

Rohtak domes is named after a family of masons from Rohtak in Haryana, who travel across India building domes.

A very early technique

Domes were the earliest construction techniques humans discovered to cover large areas.

The Pantheon dome was built with Roman concrete achieving 140 feet diameter 2,000 years ago, only to be rivalled by St. Peters in Rome 500 years ago, and our own Gol Gumbaz 400 years ago, both just few more feet in diameter, but built with bricks. Structural yet monumental; strong yet elegant; column free yet safe; simple to see yet beautiful; there is nothing to equal the magnificence of domed roofs.

However, as modern construction methods came to stay, the calculations based and labour-intensive brick domes were relegated to the back seat, only to be employed for specific cases of majesty and grandeur. It survived the onslaught of sloping tiled roofs and flat stone slab roofs, but the advent of steel and concrete technology made people ignore masonry domes as outdated relics of the past.

Occasional failures of badly built domes added to the public apprehension.

Despite this downfall in popularity, every visitor to historic cities would have returned home after seeing a few domes at least.

Rediscovery of domes

While domes faded from mainstream projects, a few engineers and architects across the world did not forget them.

They re-discovered how to build them with bricks with greater benefits than concrete-based systems; major among such figures being architect Hassan Fathy of Egypt who popularised Nubian techniques of making of domes about 80 years ago.

Simply said, it did not need any supporting scaffolds, hence faster, easier and cheaper.

People keen on eco-friendly methods are returning to the roots now, domed roofs being one among them, be it normal hemispherical brick dome, segmental domes with soil cement blocks, Mexican domes, flat domes or domes over varied base geometries.

Among the recent trends is a flat dome called Rohtak domes, named after a family of masons from Rohtak in Haryana, who are travelling across India building domes, if invited.

Of course, following their footsteps a few other people and organisations have also started building them. These domes need to be explained in detail for their contexts and benefits for popular awareness.

Philosophically, we can theorise the hemispherical dome over the room as the sky over the earth, the immediate roof as a microcosmic miniature of the macro phenomenon. Imagine a house with a dome and architecture of domes!

(*The author is an architect working on eco-friendly designs.*)

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Centre categorically refuses to sell rice

"They have sufficient quantity of rice that will remain after completing their supplies under the PDS for all the States. We are disappointed at this attitude," Mr. Muniyappa said. While he returned to Bengaluru on Thursday morning, he had to head back to Delhi after Mr. Goyal gave him an appointment for Friday morning.

Mr. Muniyappa said, "The Centre requires 135 lakh tonnes for the national supply, whereas they have a stock of 262 lakh tonnes. We pointed out that they can supply us rice since they had enough, but they were not relenting. We were not asking rice for free." He said that this was just an attempt to derail the pro-poor programme of the Congress government in the State.

The Congress government, which announced Anna Bhagya scheme as one of the five pre-poll guarantees, is looking to supply five kg of rice per person for BPL card-holding families over and above the five kg that the Centre is supplying currently. With about 2.29 lakh tonnes of additional rice required per month, the scheme is likely to cost about ₹10,000 crore.

INBRIEF

M.B. Patil invites Elon Musk to invest in Karnataka

Offering all necessary help and cooperation from the Karnataka government, Industries Minister M.B. Patil on Friday invited EV vehicle manufacturer Tesla to set up its production plant in the State. In a tweet, he said that if Tesla decides to expand its production to India, Karnataka is the ideal place.

"Karnataka is the Ideal Destination for Tesla's Expansion into India. As a progressive state and a thriving hub of innovation and technology, Karnataka stands ready to support and provide necessary facilities for Tesla and other ventures of Elon Musk, including Starlink," he tweeted.

He further said, "Karnataka is focussed on being the hub for technology and manufacturing to propel the State for the next two decades. If Tesla considers setting up a plant in India, Karnataka, with its great potential and capabilities, I must say, is "The Destination". CM of Karnataka and I extend our invitation to Tesla in words and spirit."

Citizens' collective criticises Khader's decision

Jagruta Nagarika Karnataka, a citizens collective, has condemned Legislative Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader's move of inviting religious personalities to give inspirational talks to the newly elected legislators. Mr. Khader had earlier said that people, including Rajya Sabha member and Dharmadhikari of Dharmasthala D. Veerendra Heggade and founder of Art of Living Sri Sri Ravishankar, would provide guidance to 70 newly elected MLAs. Members of the collective said the MLAs should listen to people who talk about social justice, democracy, constitutional values, and secularism and not religious values. The event will be held from June 26 to 29.

"The MLAs should develop scientific temper. The people of the State have decimated the BJP that engaged in communal politics and voted to uphold democratic values," said the statement signed by progressive personalities.

Five crore saplings to be planted this year

Setting a target of planting 25 crore saplings over the next five years in the State, Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre on Friday said that Vanamahotsava would be observed for a week from July 1. "About five crore saplings will be planted this year. Efforts will be made to protect them so that they grow to become trees and they will also be geotagged to audit how many of them have actually survived," the Minister told presspersons here after holding a videoconference with Deputy Commissioners and Chief Executive Officers of zilla panchayats.

Centre's refusal to sell rice will alter calculation of Anna Bhagya's cost

Now, Karnataka has restarted its hunt for rice from other sources, and the scheme's launch, slated for July 1, may be put off

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The categorical refusal of the Centre on Friday to sell rice to Karnataka for Anna Bhagya could not only result in delay the launch of the scheme, slated for July 1, but also alter the government's calculation of its cost.

Government sources said that it would take another week for the Central agencies (such a NAFED, NCCF, and Kendriya Bandar) whom the State government has approached for supply of rice to get back with their quotes. "We have asked them to speak to traders and get back to us with a detailed quote. They will finalise the rate and revert to us before the end of next week," said the source.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa met Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal in New Delhi on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The additional rice of 5 kg is expected to help 4.42 crore beneficiaries (1.19 crore BPL and Antyodaya cards) in the State.

The meeting between Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa and Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday, that took place after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah sought Union Home Minister Amit Shah's intervention, had raised hopes of rice supply. Earlier, a war of words had broken out between the Congress and the BJP over denial of rice by the Food Corporation of India for the scheme.

On its own again

However, following the Centre's refusal, a source said, "Now we are on our own. We will try to procure rice from other sources."

The State government, sources said, was also speaking with Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Punjab for supply of rice, but nothing has been finalised so far. "We are trying from every possible sources. We will definitely launch the scheme, but there could be a delay by a few weeks." The State government is likely to take the decision to delay the launch over the next few days.

When asked what was the price band that the government was looking at, sources said, "We are hopeful of getting rice around the same price of the FCI, and our attempts are in that direction."

The FCI supplies rice at ₹36.60 a kg, including transportation cost of ₹2.60, and the biggest challenge for the Congress government is to get rice from any other source at the same price or around it.

A memorandum submitted by Mr. Muniyappa on Friday said the State had been using the OMSS (D) scheme to procure one kg of rice per person for the last seven months. In order to supply 5 kg rice, Karnataka requires 2.29 lakh tonnes under the OMSS (without e-auction). Urging the Centre to restart the OMSS (D) scheme, it said, "The sudden discontinuation of OMSS (D) took away the possibility of getting rice from from the FCI and made it difficult for the launch of the programme. With kharif season coming to end in most parts of the country, our efforts to procure rice from other States or from open market has become challenging."

Final touches to Gruha Lakshmi in next Cabinet meeting

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

One of the five pre-poll guarantees of the Congress, Gruha Lakshmi, will be given final touches during the next State Cabinet meeting scheduled for Wednesday. A separate app has been developed for the scheme that entails monthly financial assistance of ₹2,000 to the woman head of the family.

"The Cabinet will decide on when the application for the scheme will be received. The app and other details of the scheme will be discussed," Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar told presspersons here after a detailed meeting with her Cabinet colleagues, including Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge, on Friday. She said that the scheme would be implemented in August.

A separate app has been developed because of overload on Seva Sindhu portal: Laxmi Hebbalkar

Ms. Hebbalkar said the app had been developed since there was an overload on the Seva Sindhu portal. "Problems are being faced despite updates to Seva Sindhu. The server has an overload after a huge number of applicants for Gruha Jyothi logged in. While Gruha Jyothi is stable now, we will ensure Gruha Lakshmi process will also be stable."

The government would identify a public representative to help implement the scheme, she said. "There will be two public representatives for every thousand beneficiaries. Since the application is not time bound, I appeal to people not to rush."

Earlier, Mr. Shivakumar acknowledged that the government had received complaints that ₹200 to ₹300 was being collected from beneficiaries to fill in online application. "We will cancel licences of agencies who seek money," he said.

'Commission mafia' will be controlled to revive State's financial health: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid the demand by the Karnataka State Contractors' Association (KSCA) to reintroduce the letter of credit (LOC) system that existed in the past, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said his government would completely control the hold of "commission mafia" in government works that has affected the finances of the State.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met a delegation of the Karnataka State Contractors' Association led by its president D. Kempanna in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The financial indiscipline and the 'commission mafia' during the previous BJP government has led to several problems in the State finances," he said, adding that he would consider releasing pending bills of the contractors after the completion of the Budget session.

He met a delegation of contractors led by KSCA president D. Kempanna in Bengaluru on Friday. He also promised that following the Budget session, he would convene a meeting of Finance Department and BBMP officials to sort out the pending bills issue.

Incidentally, Mr. Kempanna had levelled allegations of 40% commission in government works during the previous BJP government. The Congress had led its Assembly election campaign attacking the BJP on these allegations.

On Friday, the contractors' delegation urged the Chief Minister to reintroduce the LOC system that existed during the previous Congress regime between 2013 and 2018. It also urged the government to give first preference to contractors from Karnataka while implementing public works in the State. According to Mr. Kempanna, bills worth about ₹3,500 crore were pending for clearance with the BBMP.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said contractors in the State were in trouble due to the BJP government's financial indiscipline, and that he would require some time to address the problem. He assured the delegation that preference would be given to contractors from Karnataka.

HC upholds CBI special court's order of pardoning accused for turning approver

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has upheld the decision of the special court for CBI cases, which had granted pardon to an accused in a case of illegal export of iron ore after the accused offered to become an approver and disclose all information on the alleged commission of offences by other accused persons, including Satish Krishna Sail, MLA.

What petitioner said

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while rejecting the petition filed by Shri Mallikarjun Shipping Pvt. Ltd., Goa, and its managing director Mr. Sail. The petitioners had claimed that if this practice of granting pardon was permitted, every co-accused would turn as an approver and that would cause grave prejudice to the other accused persons.

The special court had on October 7, 2021, granted pardon to 73-year-old Sushil Kumar Valecha, who was an employee with Shri Lal Mahan Ltd. and one of the accused in the case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 2014.

Other accused persons are Mahesh J. Beliye, then in-charge port conservator of Belikeri port in Karawar, Shri Lal Mahan Ltd. and its managing director Prem Chand Garg, Shri Mallikarjun Shipping Ltd., and Mr. Sail.

Details

As the CBI had said that it had no objection to Mr. Valecha becoming an approver provided he disclosed details on the commission of the offence, the special court accepted his plea to turn an approver and granted a pardon under Section 306 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC) on the condition that he should make complete disclosure on commission of the alleged offences.

Pointing out that "the apex court had held that if by tendering of a pardon, prosecution thinks that it will be in the best interest of the successful prosecution of the other offenders whose conviction is not easy without the approver's testimony, then the court should accept it," the High Court said that the special court had dealt with all aspects before granting pardon.

The special court had also noted that under Section 308 of the Cr.PC, the court had the power to initiate criminal proceedings against the approver if such a person, after the grant of pardon, violates the condition or if he wilfully conceals anything essential by giving false evidence.

Reservation: Meeting of legal, constitutional experts to be convened after Budget session

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress government will not provide reservations recklessly, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said and added that he would consult legal experts on the issue of providing 2A reservation under the backward classes category for Panchamasalis and bringing the community under the Central OBC list.

"The BJP knew that the changes to the reservation matrix that it brought were not constitutionally tenable. On the issue of adding Panchamasalis under the Central OBC list, I will convene a meeting of legal and constitutional experts after the Budget session before taking a decision on the issue," he told a delegation of religious and political leaders from the community led by Jayamruthyunjaya Swami who called on him on Friday. The delegation comprised 15 legislators from the community.

The seer said that inclusion of the community in the list would help members from the community, which is is now socially and educationally backward, to come to society's mainstream. In response, the Chief Minister said the BJP government had taken decisions on reservation in a hurry, resulting in confusion. "Decisions on reservation should not be taken in a hurry. The decisions should be within the constitutional and legal ambit. Hence, the meeting will be convened," he said.

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INBRIEF

I-T sleuths resume searches at premises linked to Senthilbalaji

Officials of the Income Tax Department on Friday resumed searches at the premises of persons believed to be acquaintances of Tamil Nadu Electricity Minister V. Senthilbalaji in Karur. Mr. Senthilbalaji was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in an alleged money laundering case on June 14. The premises belongs to Karthik and Ramesh, partners in Sakthi Mess, a restaurant, and believed to be acquaintances of Mr. Senthilbalaji and his brother Ashok Kumar. The operation started around 9 a.m and no outsiders were allowed.

YSRCP activist murdered in broad daylight in Kadapa

A YSR Congress Party activist was killed in broad daylight in Kadapa on Friday. The deceased, Srinivasulu Reddy, was a follower of APSRTC chairman A. Mallikarjuna Reddy. Miscreants clad in burqa surrounded Srinivasulu and stabbed him when he came out of a gym. He was rushed to the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, where he died during treatment. Business rivalry is suspected to be the reason behind the attack.

A.P. to reach out to people who missed welfare schemes

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy virtually launched the month-long 'Jagananna Suraksha' programme on Friday from Tadepalli. The project will give benefits under various welfare schemes to eligible beneficiaries who missed them in the last six months. It will also redress people's grievances received through 'Jagananaku Chebudam' initiative. It will cover 1.60 crore households across 15,004 village and ward secretariats.

Kerala PCC chief held in cheating case, freed on bail

Sudhakaran was questioned for nearly eight hours in connection with a cheating case involving Monson Mavunkal, accused in a fake antiquities case; Congress planning protests across State

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president K. Sudhakaran was arrested by the Crime Branch after nearly eight hours of grilling in connection with a cheating case involving Monson Mavunkal, accused in a fake antiquities case, on Friday.

However, Mr. Sudhakaran was immediately released on bail in compliance with an interim bail order of the High Court, which had directed that in the event of arrest he should be released on bail on execution of a bond for ₹50,000 with two solvent sureties.

The court had passed the order while considering an anticipatory bail plea by Mr. Sudhakaran earlier this month.

Emerging after being released on bail, Mr. Sudhakaran reiterated that he had full confidence in the judiciary " I am determined to face any crisis and won't go into hiding," he said.

Mr. Sudhakaran was arraigned as the accused in the cheating case earlier this month after the petitioners who lodged a complaint against Monson of duping them of ₹10 crore accused that they had paid another ₹25 lakh in the presence of Mr. Sudhakaran at the former's house.

The arrest has not been taken lightly by Congress, which has given a clarion call for strong protests across the State in the coming days.

New twist: KPCC president K. Sudhakaran at the Crime Branch office in Kochi on Friday for questioning. PTI

Railways alarmed over freight trains running without safety clearance

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

An estimated 15-20% of freight trains across the railway network are running with invalid or expired brake power certificate (BPC), which is a mandatory document that certifies fitness of the rolling stock for operation.

Alarmed over the number of goods trains being operated without a valid road worthiness certificate, the Railway Board has instructed General Managers of all Zonal Railways to ensure that no loading is done on rakes without a valid BPC, railway sources told *The Hindu* on Friday.

At a high-level safety review meeting convened by the Chairman Railway Board/Chief Executive Officer after the devastating train accident in in Odisha that left 291 passengers dead, the issue of goods trains being operated with expired safety certification came up for discussion.

Member (Engineering), Railway Board, Additional Member (Traffic) and General Managers were told that "a large proportion [about 15-20%] of freight trains are running with invalid BPC. There is no justification to run a train with invalid BPC and this should be reduced to nil..."

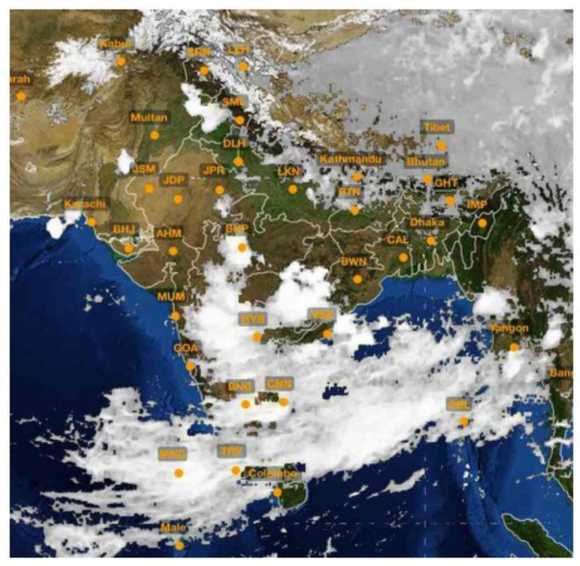
Prone to derailment

A BPC is issued to the loco pilot and guard by a Train Examiner of the Mechanical Department who inspects the rake and carries out necessary repair work. The BPC or road worthiness certificate is issued after the braking system and other safety parameters are checked and found to be normal.

"The validity can be for a longer period depending upon the type of the rolling stock. A freight train with invalid BPC is prone to derailment," a senior railway officer who did not want to be quoted said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Agartala	5	35.4	26.5	Kozhikode	—	32.9	26.3
Ahmedabad	—	37.1	28.6	Kurnool	—	35.2	27.0
Aizawl	5	33.0	21.4	Lucknow	0.2	37.6	27.4
Allahabad	—	40.6	30.4	Madurai	5	39.7	25.5
Bengaluru	7.7	29.1	21.2	Mangaluru	14.6	29.3	23.1
Bhopal	—	—	25.6	Mumbai	—	34.4	28.6
Bhubaneswar	0.3	31.0	24.4	Mysuru	—	32.2	22.6
Chandigarh	43	33.1	26.8	New Delhi	0.4	37.7	27.4
Chennai	37	34.2	26.4	Patna	—	38.4	28.6
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Dehradun	50	31.7	25.0	Puducherry	—	35.7	26.8
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Goa	20	32.0	23.9	Raipur	—	36.0	25.5
Guwahati	1	33.0	26.0	Ranchi	—	34.9	24.4
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CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	5	13	4	129	143	
Bengaluru	7	11	19	58	72	
Chennai	3	86	77	87	75	
Delhi	19	121	106	106	181	
Hyderabad	20	14	46	53	73	
Kolkata	39	12	19	13	18	
Lucknow	7	31	28	60	78	
Mumbai	32	16	16	20	132	
Pune	123	190	113	58	52	
Visakhapatnam	16	57	45	72	116	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Shillong, Meghalaya recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 484 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Products made in prisons to be made available online soon

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CHENNAI

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services plans to make products made by prisoners available online soon, following demand from the public.

The first prison bazaar, also called 'Sirai Sandhai', was opened at Central Prison on December 9, 2013. These bazaars have been functioning in Chennai, Salem, Tiruchi, Cuddalore, Madurai, Vellore, Palayamkottai and Coimbatore.

The prison bazaars were established with the aim of providing an opportunity of reformation and rehabilitation to the prisoners by rerouting their skills towards a positive direction.

Besides the existing prison bazaars, a one stop-shop prison bazaar has been set up at prison headquarters, Egmore and Minister for Law, Courts, Prisons and Correctional Services S. Regupathy inaugurated it on Friday.

Amaresh Pujari, Director-General of Police/Director, Prisons and Correctional Services said: "At present, the prison inmates make good quality products with each prison specialising in the manufacture of certain products. For instance, the prison inmates in Madurai make Sungudi saris. In Vellore, footwear and belts are being manufactured."

Former Minister Somanna stakes claim for post of Karnataka BJP president's post, raising eyebrows

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BENGALURU

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader V. Somanna, who lost against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the recently concluded Assembly elections, on Friday staked claim for the party chief's post. Such an uncharacteristic self-pitch for the party post has raised eyebrows, setting the party circles abuzz.

'I have best set of skills'

"I have 45 years of experience in politics across political parties and I think I have the best set of skills to lead the party in the State at this difficult juncture. I have met all senior leaders, except Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and made a case to pick me to lead the State unit. I have asked them to give me 100 days' time to see how I will instil discipline and take everyone along," he said. "There are urban local body and panchayat elections across the State and civic polls in Bengaluru coming up before the parliamentary polls. Everyone knows that I am a master of these elections. I am asking the party to make use of this master," he said.

When quizzed whether he has the support of other party leaders in the State, especially B.S. Yediyurappa with whom he has had a frosty relationship, Mr. Somanna said everyone had to agree to the choice made by the party high command. "No one is bigger than the party," he said, taking a dig at the former Chief Minister. Meanwhile, Mr. Yediyurappa told reporters that anyone could be an aspirant to lead the party and finally the high command would decide.

V. Somanna

In the run-up to the Assembly polls, rumours that Mr. Somanna would defect to the Congress over his frosty relations with Mr. Yediyurappa reportedly prompted BJP national general secretary (Organisation) B.L. Santhosh and Union Minister Prahlad Joshi to co-opt Mr. Somanna, sources said. He was made to contest against Mr. Siddaramaiah in Varuna apart from Chamarajanagar. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had said during his campaign for Mr. Somanna in Varuna said that Mr. Somanna would become a "big man" if the voters elected him. However, Mr. Somanna lost both Varuna and Chamarajnagar seats. "I may have lost the elections, but I took a risk for the party and fought bravely without any compromises," Mr. Somanna said.

Party circles are abuzz that the faction opposed to Mr. Yediyurappa may have propped up Mr. Somanna to curtail the dominance of the former Chief Minister's family among Veerashaiva-Lingayat community. Mr. Yediyurappa is keen to promote his son B.Y. Vijayendra, who made his electoral debut in the Assembly polls, as the Lingayat leader to succeed him.

Other leaders

With most of the prominent Lingayat leaders, except Basavaraj Bommai, Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, and Aravind Bellad, defeated in the recent polls, Mr. Yediyurappa's camp is keen to promote Mr. Vijayendra. Propping up 72-year-old Mr. Somanna, the senior most Lingayat leader after Mr. Yediyurappa, is seen as an attempt to create roadblocks for Mr. Vijayendra.

The party high command is expected to take a call on their choice for both State party chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly soon. While the names of Shobha Karandlaje, C.N. Ashwath Narayan, C.T. Ravi, and Sunil Kumar were doing the rounds for the party chief post, now Mr. Somanna has entered the fray. Meanwhile, Mr. Bommai and Mr. Yatnal are said to be in the race for the post of the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly.

All are equal in death and grief: mosque in Kerala attempts to spread a secular message

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KOCHI

When the loudspeaker at a mosque in Kerala's Ernakulam district announced the news of a death in the neighbourhood on June 13 midnight, it marked the beginning of a secular tradition breaking orthodox religious conventions.

The announcement of the death of 75-year-old Kuttappan, a Hindu, was the first such message to be relayed by the mosque – Thattuparambu Juma Masjid in Paipra panchayat near Muvattupuzha town – since the Jamaath committee decided to announce all deaths in its neighbourhood, irrespective of the religion of the deceased, through its public address system used otherwise for the muezzin's call to prayer.

"We broached the idea during a public meeting of mosque in April, and it was accepted unanimously. We do not consider it a revolutionary move. It was a goodwill gesture to the people of the locality known for their peaceful coexistence. The idea was to embrace people and share their pain when they are grieving," said Abdul Kabeer, president of the Jamaath committee and an Arabic teacher at a nearby school.

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> **ABDUL KABEER**
> Jamaath committee president

The news spread quite fast by word of mouth and has since been well-received by all communities. The announcement can be heard over a two-kilometre radius and may benefit around 2,000 households in the area.

However, the Jamaath committee has chosen to keep out alerts received over social media. Instead, the dear ones of the deceased will have to personally share the details.

The committee will further verify it before relaying it over the loudspeaker. Deaths from adjoining wards will also be announced provided the deceased have relatives within the limits of the mosque.

Urgent messsages too

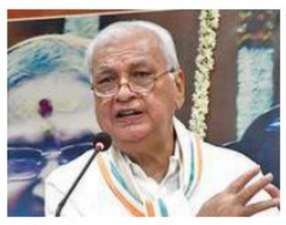
The announcement, though, would not be restricted to deaths but would be used to deliver emergency messages as well. "The mosque will announce all emergency messages, from requests for medical aid to call for blood donors. After all, public announcement still remains one of the simplest means to draw attention," said Mr. Kabeer.

'Governor's duty is to defend and protect the Constitution'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A Governor's constitutional duties are different from that of elected members and the duty of a Governor is to protect the Constitution, said Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Friday. He was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of inauguration of the 8th International Peace Conference organised by Sri Vishnu Foundation here.

On the perception that Governors represented the Central government he said, "We live in a democracy. Everybody has a right to express their views. There is no problem with what they are saying. What



Arif Mohammed Khan

I will be concerned with [is] not the statements they are making but that I perform my constitutional duties. And my constitutional duties are different from the elected governments. My constitutional duty is to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution."

On the tussle between the elected government and the Governor, who is also the Chancellor of State universities, he said of prime importance is that the "dignity of academics is respected".

He also recalled the Supreme Court verdict when Jayalalithaa was sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu without having qualified as MLA. "The honourable Supreme Court said, and I am quoting, 'The will of the people as expressed through majority party can prevail only if they are in accordance with Constitution and law.' And therefore her appointment as CM was struck down by the Supreme Court. So, the will of the majority must prevail. but only when it's in accordance with the Constitution," he said.

Warm welcome

The Modi visit further strengthened the ties between India and the U.S.

Rolling out the red carpet for Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his state visit to Washington, U.S. President Joseph Biden underlined his belief that the India-U.S. partnership will be one of the "defining relationships of the 21st century", one that he has had a strong belief in as U.S. Vice-President in the Obama administration. The phrase mirrored the one used by U.S. President Barack Obama at the state banquet for former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in 2009 – one of the "defining partnerships of the 21st century" – denoting the consistent strengthening of ties over the first two decades of the century. The visit by Mr. Modi, his first state visit to the U.S., has not disappointed votaries of the relationship. The two sides announced new deals involving high-end defence cooperation, semiconductor industry investments, and a partnership in quantum and advanced computing and AI. The deal for co-production of jet engines in India – White House called it "trailblazing" – will involve an unprecedented level of technology transfer. India's decision to join the 11-nation mineral security partnership for critical minerals, where China has a global monopoly, and cooperation on critical and emerging technologies, particularly in clean energy, will strengthen future cooperation here. Finally, India's move to sign on to the 27-nation Artemis Accords for cooperation in space exploration, and the NASA-ISRO partnerships for human spaceflight will also catapult India's ambitions in the sphere.

It is significant that areas of discord, such as the differences in policies towards Russia's war in Ukraine, and confrontation with China, where New Delhi has been more diffident, were sidestepped. Perhaps more difficult to sidestep were increasingly loud questions over the state of democracy and human rights in India, which 75 U.S. members of the Congress raised in a letter to Mr. Biden. While some uber-liberal Democrat lawmakers took the extreme step of boycotting Mr. Modi's address to the joint session of Congress, it would be harder to ignore the pointed words from Mr. Obama in an interview the same day, on India's minority rights. Eventually, Mr. Modi's response, in a rare press availability with Mr. Biden, dismissed some misgivings over his administration – he denied alleged discrimination against minorities and a crackdown on dissent. Rights issues are not a bilateral concern, and with his warm welcome, Mr. Biden made it clear he did not share the concern. If Mr. Modi wishes to address public concerns, however, he may find it more effective to make the case in a press conference on his return, emphasising his belief that "if there are no human values and there is no humanity, there are no human rights, then it cannot be called a democracy".

Bridging the gap

Efforts to reduce gender disparities must continue in earnest

India has climbed eight places from last year in the annual Gender Gap Report, 2023, and is now ranked 127 out of 146 countries in terms of gender parity. But this improved statistic, closing 64.3% of the overall gender gap, is hardly a cause for cheer. On the four key markers of the index – economic participation and opportunity; educational attainment; health and survival; political empowerment – India has a window of opportunity to improve in each so that one half of the most populous country in the world may contribute to the economy, growth and overall well-being of society. India has fared well in education, and in political empowerment, with representation of women of over 40% in local governance, thanks to efforts on the ground after the 73rd and 74th Amendments. But, as the report points out, women represent only 15.1% of parliamentarians, "the highest for India since the inaugural 2006 edition". This should spur Parliament to take it to the next level by acting on the long-pending Women's Reservation Bill, which proposes to reserve 33% of seats in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies for women, and introduced in 1996. To understand where things stand on women's participation in politics, consider this: Nagaland, which became a State in 1963, elected its first two women MLAs only in 2023.

On providing even access for men and women on economic participation and opportunity, India ranks near the bottom, with less than 40% parity. On the one hand, there are upticks in parity in wages and income, but then shares of women in senior positions and technical roles have dropped. Another concern is India's performance in health and survival, though an improvement in sex ratio at birth has driven up parity after more than a decade of slow progress. It is imperative that girls get access to education through school and college; and they also need paid work. Women end up doing so much unpaid work at home that many do not have the time or the energy to opt for paid work. Providing girls with a job-assured education will automatically improve all development indices including nutrition, and break the vicious cycle of early marriage leading to poor maternal and child health. If the pandemic revealed the fragility of life, it was harder on women, with their labour participation rates dropping, thus reducing household incomes. Often, even if they get a job, women are impeded by patriarchal and cultural norms; besides, they often have to worry about their safety. The pandemic may have stalled progress to achieve gender equality by 2030, but work towards bridging the gap must go on in earnest.

Strike a fine balance, have a just civil code

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On June 14, the Law Commission of India decided to solicit views and proposals from the public about the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). After a hiatus of just five years, when the Commission had concluded that the 'UCC is neither necessary nor desirable', the move now is one that keeps the pot boiling on one of India's most ideologically as well as politically rivalled issue. Though we believe that the enactment of the UCC in piecemeal manner would be in tune with the spirit of Article 44, the attempt here is to invite attention to one particular consideration that must weigh with the Commission as it undertakes this exercise *de novo*.

Autonomy versus authority

The question of personal laws is basically the question of personal and religious autonomy versus the state's authority to reform familial relations. Since each religious group has cultural autonomy, it is thus being argued that the community should itself come forward to seek reforms. This is the justification for the adoption of internal law reform or voluntary UCC. In fact, the Special Marriage Act, 1954 and the Indian Succession Act, 1925 are nothing but examples of voluntary adoption of the UCC though the recently enacted love jihad laws by prohibiting inter-faith marriages basically violate the spirit of Special Marriage Act.

There are also regional differences, i.e. Kerala had abolished the Hindu Joint Family in 1975; Muslim marriage and divorces are to be registered in Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand under the 1876 law, and in Assam under 1935 law, and adoption was permissible to Kashmiri Muslims.

At present, not just Muslims but even Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, Sikhs, Parsis, and Jews are governed by their own personal laws. Accordingly, believe it or not, it is the religious identity that determines which personal law would apply to a group of individuals. Even reformed Hindu Personal Law under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 does insist on solemnisation of marriage, through *saptapadi* (seven steps around fire) and *datta* (invocation before fire). Section 7(2) of the Act, just like *Manusmriti* (8.227), provides that marriage is completed on the seventh step. *Sapinda* relationship, adoption and Hindu Joint Family rules too are based on the Hindu Personal Law.

Surprisingly when two Hindus marry under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 (Section 21A inserted in 1976), they continue to be governed by Hindu Personal Law, but if two Muslims marry under this legislation, the Muslim Personal Law (MPL) would no longer govern them. Interestingly, a person who renounces Hinduism too continues to be governed by the Hindu Personal Law.

The Constitution was not the starting point but a mere culmination of India's long-standing integrative traditions. In addition to the provisions that outlaw discrimination in all its forms, the Indian Constitution's commitment to cultural accommodation is visible through a near-absolute fundamental right in Article 29(1) dedicated exclusively to conserving the distinctive culture of all citizens. However, do Muslims of India have the courage to argue that polygamy or arbitrary unilateral divorce even in anger or while in an intoxicated state could be considered a part of their culture?

> The Law Commission of India should aim to eliminate only those practices that do not meet the benchmarks set by the Constitution of India

Unity more than uniformity

That said, the Commission must bear in its recommendation that for a diverse and multicultural polity such as India, the proposed UCC must be emblematic of India's 'mosaic model' of multiculturalism. The logic is invariably obvious – a homogenising lithification of identities must not become a mirage for flourishing diversity (something that has consistently remained peculiar to the American model of multiculturalism). After all, unity is far more important than uniformity. The British brought homogeneity amongst Hindus and Muslims by grossly undermining heterogeneity within the two religious communities.

Under the Indian Constitution, the right to cultural autonomy defends the Indian model of multiculturalism. Prominent scholars on multiculturalism such as Rochana Bajpai suggest that the Indian Constitution offers two major approaches with respect to accommodation of difference – integrationist and restricted multicultural. While the affirmative action policies largely land in the first approach's camp, for Ms. Bajpai, "state assistance to minority cultures has been seen as an illegitimate concession [...]" and is often termed as 'appeasement of minorities'.

This, as Ms. Bajpai furthers, leaves cultural difference without any robust constitutional normative underpinnings. In short, it is through these two approaches that the Constitution makes way for cultural accommodation and a celebration of group differences. Accordingly, the 21st Law Commission (2015-18) had boldly favoured equality between men and women in communities rather than aiming for equality between communities. A just code should be the primary goal as just laws are more important than a mere one uniform law.

Having this discussion as the backdrop, India's tryst with preserving its multicultural diversity is often found at the crossroads with values such as secularism. Despite secularism being a fundamental tenet governing the Indian polity, India decided not to adopt the French model of *laïcité*, which strictly prohibits bearing any religious outfit or marker in public; that considers religion in public as a threat (and not a prominent promoter) to the nation's secular fabric – thus pushing it within only the four walls of the domestic household. Indian society, therefore, 'accommodates' and not just 'tolerates' the wide array of group and ethnic differences.

When groups claim and effectuate their multi-ethnic traditions without impinging on the rights and liberties of their fellow citizens, their traditions and values acquire the status of social mores for they fulfil a much broader purpose of social and national integration.

However, a claim of such broad nature invites limitations inherent – in the name of personal laws and practices, what deserves legal protection and promotion and what does not. Right to cultural-relativism cannot justify continuation of unjust and discriminatory personal laws. Such provisions of the personal laws must be made consistent with substantive equality and gender justice goals espoused in the Constitution.

Hurdles on the path ahead

Simultaneously, we must understand that when a community feels threatened in any way, whether rightly or wrongly so, the collective esteem of its members becomes woven to the community, and community allegiance becomes much stronger. Therefore, one hopes that the Law Commission of India would not contribute to the rise of reactive culturalism amongst different communities in India, including Muslims. The Muslim community too must understand that the MPL and Islam are not one and the same. The MPL is a jurist given law and is not entirely divine. In fact, it is more appropriate to call it Anglo-Muhammadan law that was derived in certain matters from the erroneously translated secondary sources rather than the *Koran* and *Sunna* of the Prophet. British courts treated juristic opinions in the MPL on a par with statutory laws enacted by the legislature and by insisting on the British doctrine of precedent, they further brought in a lot of rigidity in the MPL. If MPL reforms that rely on inter-school borrowing could be accepted by the *Ulema* way back in 1939, why cannot this be done today? Let the Muslim clergy come forward and lead the MPL reform process by identifying the discriminatory and oppressive issues and adopt the views of progressive jurists.

As the Commission proposes an overhauling secularisation of various socio-religious-cultural practices that have been the mainstay of thousands of religious and ethnic communities since times immemorial, the path ahead is not going to be free from hurdles. In the words of political philosopher Iris Young, as the value of social difference is more relational and is itself a product of social processes, we believe that it will be incumbent upon the Commission to strike a fine balance as it should aim to eliminate only those practices that do not meet the benchmarks set by the Constitution.

Squaring the circle at the India-Egypt summit

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There is a danger that after an adrenaline-rushed and consequential parley in the United States, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Egypt (June 24-25, 2023) may appear to be a bit underwhelming. It is anything but.

Historically, India-Egypt ties are perhaps the oldest civilisational link. In 2750 BCE, the Pharaoh Sahure sent ships to the "Land of Punt", which historians identify with peninsular India. By the middle of the second millennium BCE, Egyptian mummies were wrapped in muslin dyed with indigo, both from India.

Links and some key data

It is this historic inspiration that needs to be invoked while aiming for greater bilateral relevance and substantiality. While the past century of contacts produced plenty of goodwill and verbal shibboleths – from decolonisation to non-alignment and from Egyptians' Bollywood-frenzy to the addition of lilting Egyptian music in Indian scores – they have delivered little of substance. India's trade with the most populous Arab country stood at $6,061 million in 2022-23, having declined by 17% over the previous year. Nearly a third of it was petroleum-related. India was Egypt's sixth largest trading partner, while Egypt was India's 38th. Indian investments in Egypt were spread over 50 projects totalling $3.15 billion, half of the sum contributed by a single company. Egypt has invested only $37 million in India. There are less than 5,000 Indians in Egypt, nearly a fifth of them being students.

The underperformance of bilateral ties is not due to a lack of bilateral institutional mechanisms, but their efficacy and sense of purpose. India has a Joint Commission, Foreign Office Consultations and at least nine joint working groups. Its Defence and External Affairs Ministers visited Egypt during the past year. It had a bilateral summit less than five months ago when the Egyptian President, Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, visited India. All this perhaps attests that both India and Egypt have formidable bureaucracies and public sectors adept at rearranging the chairs on the deck.

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Opportunities and challenges

If the forthcoming Cairo Summit is not to become yet another event management exercise, it would need to leverage the opportunities while avoiding the pitfalls. Egypt is a large country (population 105 million) and economy ($378 billion). It is politically stable and its socio-economic conditions are quite similar to India. Egypt's largest imports are refined petroleum, wheat (world's largest importer), cars, corn and pharmaceuticals – all of which India has the potential to supply.

Moreover, the Egyptian government has an ambitious infrastructure development agenda, with 49 mega projects including the construction of a New Cairo ($58 billion), a $25 billion nuclear power plant and a $23 billion high-speed rail network. During 2015-19, Egypt was the world's third-largest arms importer. These present opportunities for India.

But these opportunities are offset by serious challenges. To begin with, the Egyptian economy is in a serious crisis. The huge financial commitments have coincided with a static economy, pandemic, global slowdown and the Ukraine conflict. Consequently, tourism has dropped and imports such as cereals have become costly. Annual inflation is above 30% and the currency has lost more than half its value since February 2022. Foreign exchange scarcity has forced the deferral of payments for such essentials as wheat. While a $3 billion bailout package was negotiated with the International Monetary Fund six months ago, it is conditional on the tough economic reforms which are sputtering, due to entrenched interests and crony capitalism.

The affluent Gulf Arab states initially supported the Egyptian economy with nearly $30 billion, but have been lately reluctant citing various governance issues in Egypt. Egypt's foreign debt is over $163 billion (43% of the GDP) and its net foreign assets are minus $24.1 billion. The acute forex situation compelled the government to issue in January 2023 an order for the postponement of projects with a large foreign currency component and cuts to non-essential spending.

Pitfalls to avoid

With this backdrop in mind, Indian summiteers in Cairo may need to carefully balance their exposure to Egypt with the opportunities on hand. India may countenance manageable eco-political risks to partake Egypt's lucrative opportunities through various innovations such as the EXIM line of credit, barter, and rupee trading. It should, however, avoid a repetition of its experience of Iraq in the 1980s and 1990s of having to defer its hard-earned construction project dues until they had to eventually be paid off by the Indian taxpayer. Moreover, such an arrangement may set a precedent other similarly placed friendly countries may cite. India may, instead, consider trilateral funding arrangements for such projects in Egypt or elsewhere with its partners in the Gulf, the G-20 or the multilateral financial institutions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minority concerns

In an interview on Thursday (Inside pages, "Obama says India may 'pull apart' over minority rights", June 23), the former United States President, Barack Obama, has revealed his concerns about minorities in India. I believe India is entering the third stage, as articulated in the work, *On the Postcolony*, by Cameroonian philosopher, Achille Mbembe. He proposed three stages for postcolonial countries: the construction of a state over peaceful coexistence between majorities and minorities, majoritarianism, and the annihilation of minorities. Attacks on people by accusing them of carrying beef, rights violations in the name of the lower class, demolition of mosques, and other such incidents demonstrate how India is moving to the last stage. In a nutshell, if people start fighting over religion and castes, it would ruin India's peace and order.

Musthafa Zubair,
Cherooppa, Kozhikode, Kerala

India is a stronghold of democracy where the rights of religious and ethnic minorities are well protected. A strong rebuttal from India may be in order.

K. Sivankutty Nair,
Thiruvananthapuram

Shorter course

A shorter medical course with a view to create a workforce of good primary-care doctors is certainly a good idea (Opinion page, 'Parley', June 23). A variant of this course, with inputs from Ayurveda too, can be considered. A carefully designed four-year course with the best aspects of both Ayurveda and conventional medicine would be a game changer in the primary care system.

G.L. Krishna,
Bengaluru

P. Sabanayagam

P. Sabanayagam was a giant among civil servants, who spoke little, wrote only what needed to be recorded, and made quiet but decisive action his watchword. In his departure (Tamil Nadu, "Former T.N. Chief Secretary P. Sabanayagam dies at 101", June 23) governance loses a stalwart who will be remembered with gratitude for his fairness, firmness and fastidiousness in administration.

Gopalkrishna Gandhi,
Chennai

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GROUND ZERO

Facing the heat

In five days in June, Ballia district recorded temperatures between 43°C and 45°C as well as several deaths. **Mayank Kumar** reports on the families who lost their loved ones and the response of the Uttar Pradesh government, which says there is no evidence to link extreme heat with these deaths

For Hrishikesh Pandey, the scene outside Mahaveer Ghat in Ballia in Uttar Pradesh was reminiscent of the endless summer of 2021. A long queue of grieving people stood outside the ghat, each family carrying a body in their arms. "The last time I saw such a situation was during the COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

Hrishikesh, a retired chemistry faculty member from the Satish Chandra College in Ballia, was at the ghat on the banks of the river Ganga with his friend Subharanshu Shekhar Pandey. On the evening of June 14, Subharanshu's wife, Shashi Prabha, 68, went for a bath. When she came out, she complained of high fever. Subharanshu gave her paracetamol, but the fever would not subside. "The next morning, Prabha became unconscious. When we took her to the hospital, the doctors declared her dead," said Subharanshu, a lawyer.

More agony followed. Subharanshu and his son Amit, 40, took the body to the ghat for cremation, but they were forced to wait for hours just to collect wood from a nearby shop because of the winding queue. The wait was also painful as the temperature had soared to more than 43°C. Earlier this summer, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) had warned about potential heat-related casualties across the country.

Amit, a worker with the Delhi Metro who had come to Ballia to spend time with his family, said he also developed a fever and felt weak on June 16. He went to the Ballia District Hospital, situated about 3 kilometres from the cremation ground, where a doctor asked him to take medicines and oral rehydration solution (ORS). Amit believed that extreme heat was the cause of his illness.

Like him, between June 15 and 19, when Ballia recorded temperatures between 43°C and 45°C, dozens of people, both young and old from the district of 33 lakh people, streamed into the hospital and the primary health centre nearby complaining of high fever and difficulty in breathing.

On June 17, Dr. Diwakar Singh, the Chief Medical Superintendent of the Ballia District Hospital, announced that 34 people had died in the hospital in two days, many due to "heatstroke". He said most of the patients were above 60 and had pre-existing ailments.

Singh was promptly removed from the post. Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, who holds the Health Department portfolio, said Singh had given "a careless statement on deaths caused by heatwave without having proper information". Pathak said officials had been instructed to identify and treat each patient. "All medicines are available and I am monitoring the situation," he said.

A patient at the Ballia District Hospital. Many people complaining of fever and difficulty in breathing were admitted to the hospital in mid-June when temperatures crossed 43°C. SANDEEP SAXENA

An unusual scene

On the morning of June 19, Reena Devi, 30, a resident of Piprapati locality under Dubhar block, walked from her hut to the adjoining field to cut grass to feed her goats. She returned home hours later, her body burning with fever. Her husband Sushil Kumar brought medicines from a quack to treat her. But by noon, her condition had deteriorated. "She died on her way to the district hospital," said Sushil, a labourer and father of five. The family said Reena had no co-morbidities. They insisted that she had died due to the heat.

According to the IMD, a heatwave is "a condition of air temperature which becomes fatal to the human body when exposed." There are also non-heatwave conditions that could be fatal to the human body at a lower temperature, if the relative humidity is high. When the maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 40°C or more in the plains and at least 30°C or more in hilly regions, the IMD classifies it as a heatwave. Heatwaves occur mainly between March and June . In some rare cases, they also occur in July.

In regions like Ballia, a semi-arid small town of three lakh people, which is located in a heatwave-prone State, high temperatures could result in heat strokes. The World Health Organization has said that heat strokes are among the most dangerous of natural hazards, but they rarely receive adequate attention because their death tolls and destruction are not always immediately obvious. A recent study in *The Lancet* said India recorded a 55% rise in deaths due to extreme heat between 2000-2004 and 2017-2021.

"The changing climate is responsible for extreme heat. Whenever the monsoon is late, we hear about such incidents," said Rajesh Kumar Mall, who teaches at the Department of Environment and Sustainable Development at Banaras Hindu University. Areas near Ballia and the adjoining State of Bihar also reported at least 42 deaths in five days in June as they grappled with heatwaves.

Dr. D. Rai, a physician based in Ballia, said a heatstroke takes place when the body is no longer able to control its temperature and the sweating mechanism fails. "In such situations the body temperature can rise to 105°F (about 40°C) or higher, leading to disability or death," he said. The symptoms of a heatstroke include high body temperature, altered mental state or behaviour such as confusion or slurred speech, flushed skin, nausea and vomiting, and headache. When people with heat-related illnesses visit hospitals, doctors try to lower their temperature with an ice slab. And if that is not available, they press a sponge with cold water or place cold, wet pieces of cloth on the body. They also try to ensure that there is enough air circulation near the patient to hasten the process of cooling, and provide medicines to contain symptoms like vomiting.

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> **ALI MURTAZA**
> Patient

To prevent such illnesses, doctors recommend constant hydration. Singh told the media that he had asked everyone to keep hydrating and refrain from leaving their homes during the day unless they had urgent work outside. He said most of the cases were clear examples of a heatstroke. A few paramedic staff also said on the condition of anonymity that some of the deaths were heat-related.

But Rai, who runs the Gaurav Nursing Home, said the deaths at the district hospital were likely due to co-morbidities. He remembered a similar situation in June 19, 2003, when he was working as a government doctor at the Ballia District Hospital. Hundreds of people were rushed to the hospital from the railway station as they started losing consciousness and began gasping for breath, he said. "When people have low immunity, their bodies face difficulty in coping with extreme temperatures," Rai said.

The Ballia administration rejected any direct relation between the deaths and the heatwave. "The matter is under investigation. A two-member team is visiting the rural areas to know the exact situation and cause of deaths," said Dr. S.K. Yadav, the recently appointed Chief Medical Superintendent of Ballia District Hospital.

The two-member team comprising Uttar Pradesh Health Department Director (Communicable Diseases) Dr. A.K. Singh and Director of Medical Care Dr. K.N. Tiwari visited the Ballia District Hospital and the blocks where people fell ill. They said they have not found any convincing evidence to link the deaths with heatstroke.

Meanwhile, the State Health Department has asked the Chief Medical Officers of districts and the Chief Medical Superintendents of district hospitals to issue statements in coordination with the concerned District Magistrate only during "crucial situations".

The District Magistrate, Ravindra Kumar, also said there is no clear evidence that the deaths were caused by heatstroke. Since it takes more than seven days to issue death certificates, the official 'cause of death' is not known.

On June 19, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a special meeting with senior officials to take stock of the situation. He asked the administration to make arrangements at every level to protect life, livestock, and wildlife.

The State Integrated Disaster Control Centre considers the time between May and June as the "heat wave period". "Everything is in the public domain. Directions have been issued to provide medical facilities to everyone in case of any illness. The temperature is now decreasing," Renu Srivastava Verma, Director General of Medical Health, told *The Hindu*.

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> **MANGAL PANDEY**
> Priest at cremation ground

Mangal Pandey, a 52-year-old priest who oversees cremations on the banks of the river, described the scene in those few days as "unusual". "There were 20-25 cremations at the ghat on June 15 alone. And the numbers only increased over the next four days. At least 50 bodies were burned on Saturday (June 17)," he said.

A patient at the Ballia District Hospital. SANDEEP SAXENA

Allegations of corruption

The Ballia District Hospital is the only government hospital in the region. Attendants described those few days as "scary". They said they ran around, much like they did during the pandemic, desperately searching for vacant beds and medical help amid a sudden flow of patients.

"All the beds were occupied. We occupied the floor of the in-patient department where our treatment began," said Ali Murtaza from Rasra block, who visited the hospital with his brother.

Political workers, including from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), alleged that there is corruption in the Health Department. They claimed that no facilities were available when patients reached the hospital during those crucial five days. "I complained about malpractices worth ₹18 crore by the District Chief Medical Officer months ago," said Nagendra Pandey, State executive member of the BJP, who is based in Ballia. He said there is corruption in the purchase of medicines, beds, food and health equipment sent to the hospital and the primary health centre. The State government had allocated funds to the Health Department for providing all the necessary facilities to the patients at government health centres, but the department and the hospital failed to perform their duty, he alleged. The Chief Medical Officer, Jayant Kumar, did not reply to questions.

The District Magistrate, who has been visiting the hospital, called for the suspension of the store in-charge for failing to install fans, air-conditioners and air coolers near hospital beds. "It's too much," said Ravindra Kumar, visibly upset during one such visit. "Dozens of fans are getting wasted." Amid the alleged mismanagement, wealthy people in town have donated air coolers and water coolers to the hospital.

Tackling heatwaves

Long summers, interspersed with periods of intense heat, are common in this region. Like many other regions which have heat action plans, Uttar Pradesh has a standard operating procedure for tackling heatwaves. It calls for a coordinated effort between various departments to assess risks, review heatwave preparedness in districts, disseminate heatwave forecasts to agencies and the public, and coordinate responses. The medical response to heat illness includes giving ORS, IV fluids, life-saving medicines, ice packs, and ensuring that there are wards/beds with cooling facilities. The document also calls for creating drinking water and bathing facilities at public places, sprinkling water on roads, opening public parks and gardens, issuing instructions to gram panchayats for monitoring cooking schedules in rural areas to reduce fire hazards, and identifying blocks and villages that are in need of fodder and water for animals. There was no official confirmation that the plan has been followed.

While doctors and officials speak of co-morbidities, some of the families insisted that their loved ones had no other health issues. Paras Nath Ojha, 55, an agriculturalist hailing from Tikhampur locality, did not have any ailments, said his 80-year-old father. On June 19, despite the searing heat, Paras decided to visit his farmland to oversee agricultural work. Around 5 p.m., after he returned home, he collapsed while talking to his father. "He suddenly fell on the ground. We took him to the District Hospital. A paramedic outside the hospital checked him and said he was no more," said Sesh Nath Ojha, Paras's brother. In disbelief and holding onto the hope that another hospital could perhaps save him, the family took Paras's body to the Mahavir Hospital nearby. The doctor there too said nothing could be done. "There is no doubt that his death was due to heatstroke. His temperature was beyond belief," said Om Ji Ojha, Paras's brother.

Sesh Nath also said there was a rush at the cremation ground where he saw the last rites of a woman neighbour being performed. "At 10:30 p.m., when we went with the body, there were more than 50 vehicles near the ground. The owner of the wood shop also told us that there was an unusually high demand for wood," he said.

"People suddenly fell sick, collapsed, and died within hours, " said Arvind Giri, a local Samajwadi Party leader. "Everyone had the same story to narrate those five days."

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When India grows, the world grows, says Modi

He depicted India's development as being led by women and a blend of ancient values and modern capabilities, such as in technology.

"Be it creative reels on Insta or real-time payments, coding or quantum computing... the youth of India are a great example of how a society can embrace latest technology," the Prime Minister said. "We celebrated a remarkable journey of over 75 years of freedom, after a thousand years of foreign rule in one form or another," Mr. Modi said. (This is apparently a reference to both British rule and Mughal rule. The BJP has previously alluded to the Mughals as being essentially foreign).

He also spoke about India's environmental commitments, linking them to India's culture.

On the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Mr. Modi said the world order was based on respect for the United Nations Charter, sovereignty and territorial integrity and the peaceful resolution of disputes. "War has returned to Europe. It is causing great pain in the region," he said, adding that the countries of the so-called Global South were particularly impacted. "As I have said directly and publicly, this is not an era of war. But, it is one of dialogue and diplomacy," Mr. Modi said. "And, we all must do what we can to stop the bloodshed and human suffering," he added.

'We stand together to contest BJP in 2024'

Many Opposition leaders urged the Congress to be "generous". The party too played its part by listening more and speaking less.

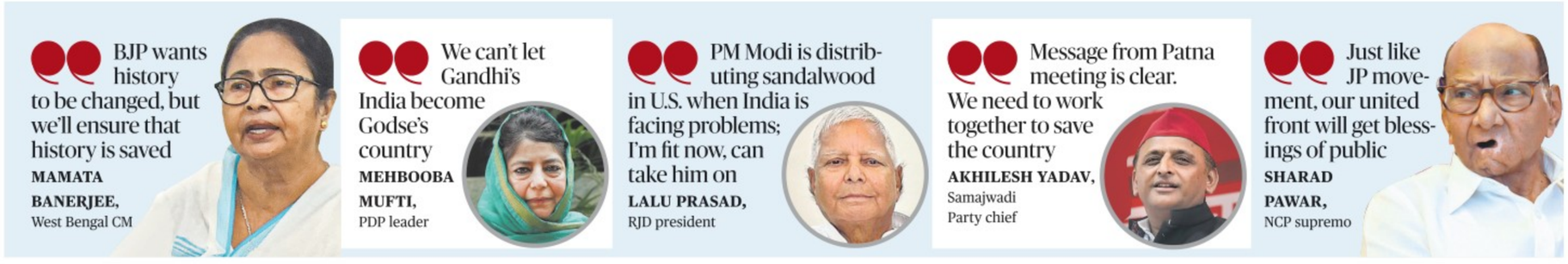
The meeting began with an opening address from Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar and his colleague from Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) Lalu Prasad. Mr. Kumar, according to sources, said that as "we edge closer to May 2024 many more political parties will join this block". Mr. Prasad, who appeared for the first time in a political meeting after his recent kidney transplant, urged the Congress to be "large-hearted" and said that the larger force in each State should be given primacy – a view that was echoed by Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Akhilesh Yadav later during the meeting. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge was urged to speak, as the leader of the largest party present, but Mr. Kharge chose to listen instead and decided to speak at the very end. NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar wanted a joint statement issued, though the other parties disagreed, saying it is too early to frame one.

Mr. Kejriwal advocated for embracing the "nation first, party second" motto, appealing for each party to be flexible.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president M.K. Stalin elucidated that there can be no "single formula for seat sharing across the country". It will vary from State to State according to the political equation there. It was also endorsed by National Conference leader Omar Abdullah, who called the formula of one common candidate against BJP in 543 seats "impractical".

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool leader Mamata Banerjee demanded that the Opposition work with the goal of "no vote to BJP" but at the same time be conscious that this fight does not devolve into "BJP versus All". Instead, it is about "BJP vs People of India", she said.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi referred to comments by Mr. Pawar who cited the *Maha Vikas Aghadi* alliance of the NCP, Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT) in Maharashtra as an example of how Opposition can overcome past differences and ideological issues. "I have come here without any past memory. Congress party will not hold on to its past likes and dislikes," Mr. Gandhi said according to sources. Opposition unity, he said, begins with a clean slate. CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said the Opposition must focus on the issue of economic distress.



AAP, Cong. engage in war of words over Delhi Ordinance

It will be difficult to be part of Opposition meetings until Congress agrees to oppose Ordinance in Rajya Sabha, says AAP; Congress says one cannot put a gun to its head and demand negotiations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a matter of couple of hours, a meeting of Opposition parties in Patna that began on a convivial note was reduced to a war of words between the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), according to people who were part of the meeting.

Discordant notes: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal arrives with his party leaders to attend the meeting in Patna on Friday. PTI

Delhi Chief Minister and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal insisted that the Congress make its stand on an Ordinance passed by the Centre public after the meeting. The Congress refused to accede to Mr. Kejriwal's demand.

After the meeting, the AAP said it would be "difficult" to be part of such meetings in future in which the Congress was a part, until the party agreed that all its members in the Rajya Sabha would oppose the Ordinance. "Until the Congress publicly denounces the black Ordinance and declares that all 31 of its RS MPs will oppose the Ordinance in the Rajya Sabha, it will be difficult for AAP to participate in future meetings of like-minded parties where the Congress is a participant," the AAP said in a statement.

The party skipped a joint press conference by leaders of the Opposition parties.

On May 19, the Centre issued an Ordinance that seeks to amend the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi Act, 1991 and effectively negates the May 11 Supreme Court judgment that gave the AAP government the power to make laws and wield control over bureaucrats deputed to the Delhi government, except for public order, police, and land.

Since then, Mr. Kejriwal has met Opposition leaders and most of them have extended support to defeat in the Rajya Sabha the Bill that would replace the Ordinance.

Demands statement

The argument began on Friday when Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge started to speak. Mr. Kejriwal interjected, demanding that the Congress issue a statement right after the meeting declaring support for the AAP's campaign, a Congress leader said.

Mr. Kharge refused to accede to the demand. "Affronted by the outright refusal, Mr. Kejriwal started complaining about the Congress Delhi unit's personal attacks against him. He accused Mr. Kharge and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of ignoring his requests for an appointment," the leader said.

The Opposition, Mr. Kejriwal said, cannot work like this. Mr. Kharge, according to the sources, retorted that the AAP spokespersons were relentless in alleging that the Congress was working in cahoots with the BJP. As the arguments stretched, Trinamool leader and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee sought to play the peacemaker.

"In the meeting, the Congress president read out several instances of AAP's provocative statements against Congress. He also mentioned yesterday's statement which vitiated the environment for this meeting. K.C. Venugopal also reacted, saying that one cannot put a gun to Congress' head and demand negotiations," a Congress source said.

Once the tempers cooled down, Mr. Kharge assured Mr. Kejriwal that the Congress would not support any anti-constitutional legislation. He pointed out that the issue was primarily of parliamentary strategy and that his party would decide after a meeting of its Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members.

Congress's DNA is in Bihar; BJP spreading violence, says Rahul

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and accused its leaders of spreading hatred and violence in the country. Mr. Gandhi was in Patna to take part in the Opposition meeting convened by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar at his official residence.

Rahul Gandhi

Before the meeting, Mr. Gandhi, along with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and general secretary in-charge (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, reached Sadaquat Ashram, the Congress headquarters in Bihar, to address the party workers.

During his speech, Mr. Gandhi made a special reference to the State by saying that the Congress party's DNA was in Bihar.

"In the country there is a fight over ideology. On one hand there is Congress's ideology of Bharat *Jodo* [unite India] and on the other hand there is BJP-RSS's ideology of Bharat *Todo* [divide India]. For this reason, I have come to Bihar because the Congress party's DNA is in Bihar. During the Bharat Jodo Yatra, a lot of people from Bihar helped me," Mr. Gandhi said.

Mr. Gandhi said that the Opposition parties had gathered in Patna to defeat the BJP. He said the Congress would win the Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, just like it did in Karnataka.

Attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Gandhi said, "The entire country has understood very well the meaning of Narendra Modi*ji* and the BJP. It means to benefit two or three people, handing over the entire country's wealth to them. However, Congress means standing with poor people and helping poor people."

Mr. Kharge said that if they win Bihar, they can win the country as well.

Patna Opposition meet is a mere 'photo session': Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the joint Opposition meet in Patna was merely a "photo session" and that the parties could never come together on a common platform.

Speaking at a government function in Jammu, Mr. Shah said people had already decided that the Narendra Modi government would return to power in 2024 with more than 300 seats.

Mr. Shah said the Opposition deliberately chose the day to hold the meeting knowing that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in the U.S. He said agreements were signed between India and the U.S. in the fields of space, defence and semiconductors, and that many big companies were eager to invest in India. The Minister said the previous UPA government was involved in "scams" worth ₹12 lakh crore and attacked the National Conference, the Peoples Democratic Party and the Congress, asking who would take responsibility for the death of 42,000 people due to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Home Minister Amit Shah at the three-day 'Vitasta Cultural Festival' in Srinagar on Friday. NISSAR AHMAD

'Opportunistic move'

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J. P. Nadda said the Opposition huddle was opportunistic and riddled with contradictions.

"I was surprised as all Opposition party leaders are embracing each other and meeting in Patna on June 23. It reminded me of my childhood days as I had my birth and schooling in Patna. It is the same Lalu Prasad who was sent to jail for 22 months by Indira Gandhi, grandmother of Rahul Gandhi, and it was Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who was sent to jail for 20 months by Ms. Gandhi," Mr. Nadda said, addressing a meeting at Kalahandi in Odisha.

"When I see the images of Rahul Gandhi being welcomed in Patna, I wonder how politics has changed... where they started and where have they landed now," he said.

"Now, Uddhav Thackeray is in Patna. His father Hindu Samrat Balasahab Thackeray used to say he would never let Shiv Sena become Congress and he would rather close his shop if he had to align with Congress. Now, his son is closing down his shop. It is strange politics," he added.

Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya said those who were afraid of Prime Minister Modi discussed the corruption maximum policy (CMP) at the Opposition meeting.

"There is talk in the corridors of Patna that the family clans who have Modi phobia will discuss CMP (Corruption Maximum Policy) for their future by misleading the public. The meeting of Opposition parties will yield nothing. Public is ready to give 350+ seats to the BJP in 2024. For the third time, a BJP government under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi*ji* will be formed," Mr. Maurya said.

315 companies of Central forces deployed in Bengal

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Political violence relating to the panchayat elections continued in West Bengal even as Central forces started arriving in the State on Friday as per the directions of the Calcutta High Court.

A Trinamool Congress leader was shot dead at Adra in Purulia district late on Thursday, taking the total number of poll violence-related deaths since the notification of the poll was issued in the State, to nine. Two persons, including a Congress candidate, have been arrested in connection with the incident.

During a hearing at the High Court on Friday, the Additional Solicitor-General said orders had been issued by the Union government for the deployment of 315 companies of Central forces in the State. Meanwhile, the court said the State Election Commission should not shy away from requisitioning additional Central forces. The court directed the commission to file an affidavit on whether there has been wilful non-compliance of its directions.

Boiling over: Security personnel conduct a route march ahead of the West Bengal panchayat elections, in Nadia, on Thursday. PTI

The counsel representing one of the petitioners said 20,585 nominations for contesting the poll had been withdrawn.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari called for an increase in the number of phases of the election.

Centre defends NFHS questionnaire, says disability data won't change fast

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Disability data will not change very fast and there is no reason to collect this data every three years, said the Health Ministry, in response to criticism over the exclusion of disability-related questions in the sixth round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) which is set to begin shortly.

Stating that the primary focus of NFHS is maternal and child health, the Department of Health and Family Welfare (Statistics Division) said that the survey won't be able to collect accurate data on disability in its current form.

It pointed to the disparity in disability data collected by the NFHS and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) and asserted that "it is not possible to capture the all-India extent of disability" through the NFHS and warned about the risk of "significantly underestimating the prevalence of disability".

In its two-page communication, dated June 22, the department said that most of the data related to disability were already available in the 'Report of NSS 76th round', which was a dedicated survey conducted during July-December 2018 to collect detailed information on this aspect.

Panel's view

It went on to explain that questions were included in the NFHS-6 based on recommendations by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and other higher-level committees constituted for smooth functioning of the survey.

Based on NFHS-5 report, it was observed that disability prevalence was only 1% for rural areas

"Taking into consideration the consensus of all the members and availability of other data sources, TAC recommended that proposed questions related to disability estimates need not be included in NFHS-6," it said.

"... Based on NFHS-5 report, it was observed that disability prevalence was only 1% for rural areas and 0.9% for urban areas while NSSO estimates for the year 2018 showed 2.3% for rural areas and 2% for urban areas," it said.

Reacting to the communication, disability rights activists questioned the basis of the explanation and said that people with disabilities in India experienced an average loss of 10-17 years in life expectancy and closing this gap for the world's largest minority group required access to comprehensive health data.

"It is crucial to ensure that our needs and experiences are acknowledged and accounted for. We must bridge the disconnect between data collection and effective design of policies," said Satendra Singh from Doctors with Disabilities: Agents of Change.

Infiltration bid foiled in J&K, four terrorists gunned down

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SRINAGAR

Four terrorists were killed as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Machil sector on Friday, police said. The security forces also recovered a huge cache of arms, ammunition and narcotics-like substances, they said.

"...At around 04:30 hours, four terrorists were spotted crossing the LoC from Pakistan. They were engaged upon coming in effective range by the ambush parties. Intense firefight ensued, resulting in the elimination of all four terrorists, without any harm to our troop," a defence spokesman said.

Bidens host state dinner for Modi; corporate, diaspora leaders join in

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

There was saffron on the menu at the White House as U.S. President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and some 400 guests at a carefully planned state dinner on Thursday to commemorate the prime ministerial visit.

With a main course of stuffed portobello mushrooms in a creamy saffron-infused risotto, Chef Nina Curtis, an expert in plant-based cuisine, led the culinary team, working with White House Executive Chef Cris Comerford and White House Executive Pastry Chef Susie Morrison. Mr. Biden, who hosted the media for a preview of the dinner, had developed the three-course menu along with the chefs, keeping in mind that Mr. Modi is a vegetarian.

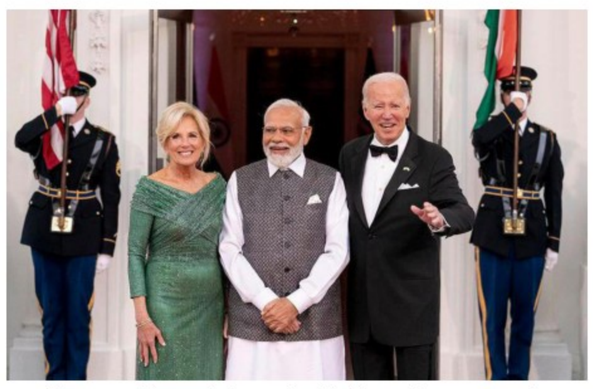
The first course included marinated millet and grilled corn kernel salad – in tune with India's promotion of millets as part of the United Nations International Year of Millets. For those who wanted a fish option, sumac-roasted sea bass was available upon request. Guests were served rose and cardamom-infused strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Even the wine list was a nod to Mr. Modi's Gujarati roots and contained a Patel red blend 2019 (the White House background email had 'Patel 'in capital letters). Neither Mr. Modi nor U.S. President Joe Biden drink alcohol, however.

"The good news for both is us, neither of us drinks," Mr. Biden said, as glasses for the toast were being brought to him and Mr. Modi. "*Ginger ale,* okay," he added, joking that his father had told him to toast with his left hand when not using alcohol for the toast.

"Two great nations, two great friends, and two great powers. Cheers," Mr. Biden said.

Mr. Modi toasted his hosts and "the pursuit of happiness" as well as "liberty, equality and fraternity" and the "everlasting bonds of friendship" between India and the United States.



President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden welcome Narendra Modi for a state dinner at the White House in Washington. AP

The lotus, a symbol of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has also has found its way into the G-20 motif for the year, under India's presidency, was also present throughout the décor. "A longstanding feature in Indian design throughout history and inspired by mandala-style illustrations found in traditional Indian art, the lotus flower is incorporated throughout the decor and tablescapes," the White House said. The tables were designed by David Stark Design and Production.

The dinner was hosted in tents on the south side of the White House, with guests walking or being bused in 'trolleys' from the main building. The entire space, had saffron, green and white – colours of the Indian flag. The background for the toasts had the national birds of the two countries – the bald eagle for America and the peacock for India.

The translucent walls of the pavilions provided views of the White House, the Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial.

Grammy award wining violinist Joshua Bell, South Asian *a cappella* group Penn Masala and the "President's Own" United States Marine Band Chamber Orchestra entertained guests for the evening.

On the guest list or in attendance were members of the Biden family and Cabinet including U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Douglass Emhoff, Indian Cabinet Ministers, India's U.S. Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu, U.S. lawmakers Ami Bera, Ro Khanna, Pramila Jayapal and Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval.

Also invited were prominent names from the business world: Mukesh and Nita Ambani, James Murdoch (son of media mogul Rupert Murdoch), Anand Mahindra, former PepsiCo Chairman Indira Nooyi, Apple CEO Tim Cook and Google CEO Sundar Pichai and diaspora organisation 'Indiaspora' founder M R Rangaswami. Judge Sri Srinivasan - who got close to being nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court during the Barack Obama presidency, was also present.

Jet engine deal ensures 80% technology transfer to HAL; first engine in three years

Except for a small component, the F414-INS6 will be entirely manufactured in India; the 2012 deal had only 58% technology transfer, says an official, adding that current agreement reflects the level of trust India evokes in the U.S. and the strategic priorities that the countries share

Dinakar Peri
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NEW DELHI

The jet engine deal with the U.S. is an "almost done" deal and will see 80% technology transfer by General Electric (GE) to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). This will include critical technologies. The first engine will roll out three years after the contract is ready, said a Defence Ministry official.

A previous 'Engine Development Agreement' in 2012 between GE and HAL for the F414 engine had 58% technology transfer, the official stated.

A factsheet issued by the White House on the bilateral meetings, described the GE proposal to jointly produce the F414 jet engine in India as "groundbreaking", adding that a manufacturing licence agreement has been submitted for Congressional notification.

"It will take three years for the first engine to roll out once the contract is signed. The 80% technology transfer to HAL is of critical importance. Such a transfer has not happened before and shows the level of trust India evokes in the U.S.," a senior defence source said on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GE and HAL to manufacture F414 engines for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-MK2 in India. "Except for a small component, the F414-INS6 engine will entirely be manufactured in India."

"This trailblazing initiative to manufacture F414 engines in India will enable greater transfer of U.S. jet engine technology than ever before," the joint statement issued after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joe Biden said.

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Critical technologies

Some of the key technologies that would be transferred to India include special coatings for corrosion; casting, machining and coating for Single Crystal for turbine blades; casting, machining and coating of nozzle guide vanes and other hot parts; blisk machining; forging/power metallurgy discs for turbine; machining of thin walled titanium casing; friction inertia welding for fan and after burner; Polymer Matrix Composites (PMC) for bypass polymer duct; Ceramic Matrix Composites (CMC) for LPNGV, flaps; laser drilling technology for combustor; bottle boring of shafts.

On the timeline, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said that the U.S. Congress would have to approve the deal which involves two separate legislations: Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), and that some of the spadework had been completed during the Strategic Trade Dialogue he participated in earlier this month in Washington.

"Given that it is crucial to address the regulatory ecosystem, which intersects with technology cooperation, India and the U.S. recently held the first meeting of the strategic trade dialogue. The whole idea behind the strategic trade dialogue is that we look at regulatory issues more in terms of finding ways to enable our technology cooperation." Mr. Kwatra said that the Jet engine tech transfer deal was one of the "strong, strategic and shared priorities" for both Mr. Modi and Mr. Biden.

While the final cost is yet to be worked out, the official said the costing is indexed to the 2012 agreement based on which the current cost for 99 engines should be under $1bn.

The F414 will significantly enhance the capability of the LCA-MK2 and engines for prototype and testing are already available. As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, the LCA-Mk2 will be 1350mm longer featuring canards and a payload of 6,500 kgs compared with 3,500 kgs for the Mk1 and MK1A.

Around 120-130 LCA-MK2 jets are likely to be produced. A final decision has to be taken by the Defence Acquisition Council headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who has been pushing the project towards faster execution, officials said. The official noted that they are still in talks for co-development of a 110KN engine to power the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)-MK2. This F414 deal makes GE the frontrunner for the deal, though a final decision is yet to be taken.

Approval process

The defence official said that in addition to the U.S. Congressional approval, there are some commercial terms that are yet to be finalised.

The deal also shows that the U.S. trusts our Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regime and that the technology would remain secure. The U.S. has showed confidence in our military systems also, the official added.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has already approved the development of the LCA-Mk2 at a total development cost of ₹9,000 crore.

India, U.S. expanding scope of cooperation in strategic areas: PM

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WASHINGTON

Modi lauds Kamala Harris for her contribution towards strengthening ties

India and the U.S. are working with renewed trust in areas of new and emerging technologies, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday as he thanked the American leadership for giving him a grand welcome.

Speaking at a luncheon hosted in his honour by Vice-President Kamala Harris at the White House, Mr. Modi said the two countries had added and expanded the scope of the cooperation in the defence and strategic areas.

"We are working with renewed trust in areas of new and emerging technologies. We are resolving long pending and difficult issues in trade," he said, adding that with new frameworks such as QUAD and I2U2, the two countries were making major progress together.

Mr. Modi said that in 2014 during his visit to the U.S., President Joe Biden had referred to the India-America partnership as a promise over the horizon. "In this period of nine years since then, we have been on a very long and beautiful journey," he added.

He lauded Indian-origin Ms. Harris and her parents, saying "Your contribution to strengthening our strategic partnership has been incredible." "Thank you so much for this grand welcome. The sweet melody of the India-U.S. relationship is composed of our people-to-people relations," Mr. Modi said at the event also co-hosted by Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the Department of State.

Ms. Harris said she and President Biden were grateful for Mr. Modi's commitment to strengthen U.S.-India ties. "As I look around this room, I am struck by the extraordinary impact that the Indian Americans have had on our country in every facet of life," Ms. Harris said.

"As we look toward the future, the U.S. and India instinctively turn to each other and are increasingly aligned," she added.

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Notice for Creation of KML and SHAPE files for acquired land and maps by Bharat Coking Coal Limited

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Details of work: -

a. Scanning of hard copies of cadastral plans and other plans.
b. Geo referencing of the scanned images of cadastral plans as per SOP.
c. Digitization of scanned images of said boundaries.
d. Composition and preparation of said boundaries.
e. Incorporation of other required features.
f. Creation of KML and SHP files of the said boundaries with attributes as per SOP.

Therefore, the experienced agencies/parties willing to do the above work in the stipulated time are invited to appear before the committee constituted for this purpose on 29.06.2023 at 11.00 am in the "Estate Department, BCCL, Headquarters, Koyla Bhavan, Dhanbad" along with their experience and other certificates. **Sd/- General Manager (Estate)**

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3. **Tender No. 022/MYS/MMD/2023-24 -** Hiring of Vehicle Services for Official Use and CISF at BRBNMPL, Mysuru.
4. **Tender No. 019/MYS/CIVIL/2023-24 -** Renovation of Staff Guest House at BRBNMPL Township, Note Mudran Nagar, Mysuru.

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Sr. General Manager (PP)

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL S.M.S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & CONTROLLER OF THE ATTACHED HOSPITALS, JAIPUR

No.-F/MC/Store/2023-24/1839 Dated 12/6/2023

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : Re T No. 37/2023-24/SE/Q. NABARD RIDF XXV - CWSS to Kunnathoor and other panchayats - Construction of 44 MLD WTP, filter house unit, supply and laying Clear water transmission main, supply and laying 900mm DIK9 CWPM, supply erection and commissioning of transformer, Clear water pumpset etc. and allied works. **EMD :** Rs. 500000. **Tender fee :** Rs. 16540+2978. **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 26-07-2023, 02:00 pm. **Phone :** 04742745293.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

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Government of Rajasthan
OFFICE CONTROLLER RAJASTHAN STATE MOTOR GARAGE DEPARTMENT
22, Godam Sahkar Path, Jaipur

S.No. F.4(14)Store/Rsmg/Driver Recruitment/2023/4426 Jaipur Dated 20.06.2023

E-Tender Notice No. 03/2023-24

For recruitment on the 73 post of Driver in Rajasthan State Motor Garage Department Govt. of Rajasthan, Online E-bids are invited from the reputed, renowned and experienced Recruitment Agencies capable for conducting recruitment through Off-line competitive examination involving 30,000 or more candidates. Bid Details are as follows:

S. No.	Name of Work	Details
1.	Estimated Cost	105 Lac
2.	EMD	EMD @ 2% = 2.10 Lac
3.	E-tender fee	Rs. 400/- DD in the name of Controller Rajasthan state motor garage Department Jaipur
4.	Earnest Money	Rs. 2.10 Lac DD in the name of Controller Rajasthan state motor garage Department Jaipur
5.	Processing fee	Rs. 2000/- in the name of MD RISL Jaipur
6.	Bid Document Downloading date & Time	22-06-2023 at 10pm up to 22-07-2023 at 12pm
7.	Prebid meeting Date & Time	10-07-2023 at 3pm in the office of Controller Rajasthan State Motor Garage,22 Godam Shahkar Marg, Jaipur
8.	Corrigendum uploading Date & Time	13-07-2023 at 5pm
9.	Bid Uploading Last Date & Time	22-07-2023 at 4pm
10.	Bid Opening Date & Time	24-07-2023 at 2pm
11.	E-Tender fees Earnest Money, Processing fees & other required Documents offline submission Last date & time	21-07-2023 at 2pm Tender will not be consider if not deposited
12.	Official Website to download & Upload Tender Documents	Website: http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in

UBN No. - SMG2324SLOB00002

Controller & Ex-Officio Joint Secretary,
Rajasthan State Motor Garage Department,
DIPR/C/9170 **Jaipur**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त-झुंझुनूं
क्रमांकः 512 संशोधित निविदा सूचना संख्याः 05/2023-24 दिनांकः 15.6.23

विषयः इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 420 दिनांक 05.06.2023 द्वारा जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 05/2023-24 निम्नानुसार संशोधन करने बाबत्।

विवरण	पूर्व की दिनांक	संशोधित दिनांक
निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड व ऑनलाईन अपलोड (जमा) करने की तारीख (वेबसाईट पर)	दिनांक 07.06.2023 प्रातः 09.30 बजे से दिनांक 16.06.2023 को दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक	दिनांक 07.06.2023 प्रातः 09.30 बजे से दिनांक 26.06.2023 को दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की दिनांक व समय	दिनांक 16.06.2023 को सायं 04.00 बजे	26 जून, 2023 सायं 05.00 बजे

निविदा की शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेगी।

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NOTIFICATION

(Issued as per 6(8) of Adoption Regulations, 2022)

1. Name of the Child : Nihal
2. Sex : Male
3. Date of birth & Age : 18.04.2023,1 month
4. The place and date from which the baby get : Ammathottil, General Hospital, Ernakulam, 24.04.2023
5. CWC Order No : 346/23
6. Name and Address of the Institution : Shishu Bhavan Sisters of Nazreth, Padavapuram, Ernakulam

Any person having claim over the parental responsibility of the above said child, can inform **District Child Protection Officer** at the address "District Child Protection Unit, Civil Station, Ground Floor, A3 Block, Kakkanad, Ernakulam - 682030 (Phone No. 0484-2959177, E-mail: dcpuernakulam@gmail.com.)" with proper documents within a period of 30 days from the publication of this notice. Otherwise, it shall be concluded that child has no Legal Parents and will be proceeded with Adoption Process.

PRIYANKA G
RO/01526/F4/2023/I&PRD **Member Secretary, SARA & Director**

INBRIEF

Assam floods claim two lives in duration of 24 hours

The flood situation in Assam improved slightly but claimed the life of a second person within a duration of 24 hours. Officials of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said a man died in Nalbari district's Ghograpar on Friday. Another person was killed in the adjoining Baksa on Thursday. "The number of districts and subdivisions affected came down from 22 to 19 on Friday. The number of affected people also reduced from 4,95,799 to 4,88,525 but the overall situation remains grim because of the threat of water-borne diseases," an ASDMA spokesperson said.

SC clarifies on conditions of bail refusal to accused

The Supreme Court has held that the refusal of a fugitive co-accused to surrender will not affect the right of another person accused in the same case to get bail. "The fact that the co-accused who was released on bail has not surrendered cannot be a germane factor to decline bail to the co-accused, namely, the appellant," the apex court said in a recent order. The order was based on an appeal filed by Sebil Elanjimpally against an Orissa High Court order refusing bail in a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. The petitioner said he had been in custody for nearly three years. An earlier plea for bail was rejected in July 2022. This was the second time he was applying for bail.

NIA chargesheets 13 Pakistan nationals in smuggling case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday charged 13 accused, all Pakistan nationals, in connection with the 2022 case related to the smuggling of weapons and drugs from Pakistan via Gujarat for funding terrorist activities in India. The agency said 10 of the 13 accused persons were arrested in December 2022. About 40 kg of heroin, six pistols of foreign make, six magazines and 120 (9 mm) live cartridges were seized from a Pakistani boat, along with documents, including Pakistani identity cards, mobile phones and Pakistani currency. According to the NIA, the consignment was to be delivered for further supply in Punjab.

Bombay HC extends interim relief to Sameer Wankhede

The Bombay High Court on Friday extended the temporary relief granted to Indian Revenue Service officer Sameer Wankhede by directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to not take any coercive action against him till June 28 in a corruption and extortion case against him. A Division Bench of A.S. Gadkari and Justice Shivkumar Dige was hearing a petition filed by the former zonal director of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to quash the First Information Report (FIR) against him by the CBI alleging that he demanded ₹25 crore bribe from actor Shah Rukh Khan for not arresting his son Aryan in the drug racket case of October 2021.

Drones used to monitor road blocks in Manipur

Pattern of people blocking roads to allow unidentified persons to sneak into villages has emerged, say forces; Army deploys more columns to traverse area on foot, says closely monitoring situation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Army said on Friday that a large group of women who were part of a mob prevented the movement of additional personnel in areas bordering Kangpokpi and Imphal East districts in Manipur as "armed miscreants" opened fire at villages.

Though no one was killed or injured in the incident, Army said a pattern had emerged in the past 20 days where armed miscreants sneak into villages and fire with automatic weapons while women protesters block roads, stopping the movement of security forces.

A defence source said as a counter-strategy, Army too blocked roads at some distance to confine the mob and prevent miscreants from fleeing the area.

Army's Spear Corps tweeted that "in view of blocks by women-led crowd in Yaingangpokpi, additional columns moved cross-country on foot to cordon the area".

It said that to maintain peace and after consulting the local leaders, "blocks [established to prevent movement of additional miscreants towards the area] were partially lifted to give safe passage to miscreants & mob to withdraw from area." It said the situation is under control and being closely monitored.

The Army said it was using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to monitor the movement of the mob. It released a 57-second UAV video clip on Friday where scores of vehicles and people are seen blocking a road.

A day ago, groups of women had blocked roads at six locations in the same area, which was followed by bursts of firing from automatic weapons directed at the hill villages.

A source said that armed men posing as policemen entered empty villages on Friday noon and fired with "automatic weapons".

The Hindu reported on June 15 that women-led vigilante groups were blocking arterial roads in Manipur making the southern part of the State inaccessible to security forces since May 30. To control the ethnic violence between the Meitei and the Kuki communities, buffer zones have been created between the valley where Meitei live and the hills where Kuki live, to stop any kind of clash or arson.

Raging fury: Women protesting over the fresh violence in Manipur's Kanto Sabal, in Imphal West on Tuesday. ANI

HC seeks ways to restore Internet

NEW DELHI
The Manipur High Court is now pressing to find ways to restore broadband Internet across the State (with a block on social media websites) even as the Manipur government has said this is difficult because Virtual Private Network (VPN) services can still be used to access blocked sites. The State has been under an Internet shutdown since May 3 when clashes broke out between the dominant Meitei people and the Scheduled Tribe Kuki-Zomi people.

CBI team conducts probe

NEW DELHI
A special investigation team of the Central Bureau of Investigation and forensic experts on June 23 visited various places in Manipur in connection with cases of violence. Earlier, the agency took over six cases. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during his visit to the State, had announced that the CBI would conduct the probe.

G-20 trade unions meet emphasises global social security

There is a need for forward-looking policies, says Bhupender Yadav

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav, addressing the Labour 20 (L-20), – the meeting of trade unions of G-20 countries – on Friday said the two statements adopted by the unions on universalisation of social security and the portability of social security funds, and on empowering women in the future of work and upskilling the women workforce in tech-intensive environments were a testament to the spirit of social dialogue.

Mr. Yadav said the deliberations at the two-day meeting proved to be enlightening with diverse perspectives and viewpoints from various stakeholders. She said a changing work environment characterised by technological advancements, globalisation, and evolving labour markets had significant implications for employment and the provision of adequate social security.

"There is therefore a need for comprehensive and forward-looking social security policies that take into account the evolving nature of work. Governments, employers, trade unions, and international organisations must collaborate to ensure that social security systems are inclusive, adaptable, and accessible to all," the Minister said.

Gender parity

Mr. Yadav said that by equipping women with necessary skills and knowledge, governments could ensure their engagement in the job market and promoting gender parity.

"The task force on 'International Portability of social security funds' recommended that data on the susceptibilities and needs of migrants should be collected and analysed for efficiency of social protection systems. It called for disaggregating national data pertaining to social safety schemes, considering citizenship and residency status as reliable indicators of migrant status. This would facilitate computation of the potential financial ramifications of transferable benefits and the estimation of the labour migrants' effective or de facto social protection coverage," the summit said.

FCI not to consider request by States for more foodgrains under open market scheme

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As Karnataka and Tamil Nadu criticised the Union government's decision to restrict the supply of foodgrains through the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) to 100 tonnes, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) made it clear on Fridaythat the Centre's priority was to curb inflation.

Chairman and Managing Director of the FCI Ashok K.K. Meena told reporters that the maximum quantity to be sold through OMSS was limited to accommodate small wheat processors and traders. State governments had alleged that such a move was against the interest of the poor. When asked about the complaint of the State governments, Mr. Meena said the State governments would keep on demanding.

A Food Corporation of India warehouse in Srinagar.

80 crore beneficiaries

"State governments are going to give the foodgrains to the same beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana or they would be using the foodgrains for State schemes where identified beneficiaries are there. The Government of India is already providing foodgrains for 80 crore people. Additionally, 60 crore consumers need to be taken care of. OMSS operations would be carried out in the interest of those 60 crore people so that inflation remains under control for the rest of the country," Mr. Meena said.

Furthermore, the government had now directed the FCI to conduct the e-auctions of wheat and rice to check the inflationary trends. "We will give 100 tonnes for a bidder. We are putting in place another condition that whoever purchases cannot export or give it to another State's agencies. We are giving only for consumption. They need to have a GST number and States are not permitted (to buy from bidders)," Mr. Meena said.

Students fear delay in NIOS Class 12 results may hit their undergraduate admissions

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Despite multiple appeals by desperate parents and students to declare results for Class 10 and 12 since June 18, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has serially delayed the process. Nearly 1.2 lakh students across India have appeared for exams under the NIOS.

Both the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) declared their results earlier this month.

Students across India who have appeared for their exams through the open schooling route are finding themselves increasingly unable to participate in undergraduate colleges admissions.

Take the case of 19-year-old Delhi-based Swastick Kumar Kashyap. He is an engineering aspirant who secured 93 percentile in the competitive entrance exam but is unable to apply for the counselling process due to non-declaration of NIOS results.

On Friday, NIOS Chairperson Saroj Sharma told *The Hindu* that the results would be declared by late evening.

"Our results have been delayed by a week as CBSE results were delayed too. We evaluate students in multiple languages as we have students across India," Ms. Sharma said.

The results had not been declared till the time the paper went to press.

Aparajita Gautam, president of Delhi's Parents Association, said, "Hapless students and parents are desperately waiting for the NIOS to declare results. Many of them are engineering aspirants who will miss the counselling schedule of the Joint Admission Committee for Delhi-based engineering (B.Tech) and architecture (B.Arch) courses as the last date for online registration is June 25."

Ms. Gautam added that Delhi students may face a similar fate as Mumbai students, who were awaiting NIOS results even as the admissions window for their college intake closed.

Also, the first round of Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) counselling which is carried out by the Ministry of Education for allocation of seats to 110 tertiary institutes, including IITs started on June 19.

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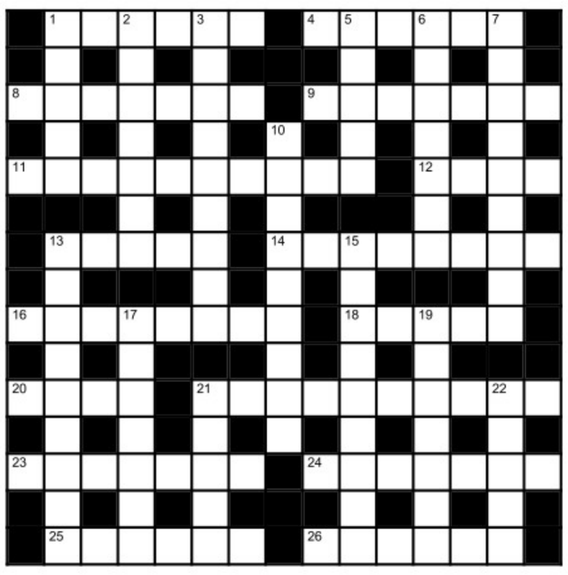

Across

1 Definitely grouchy when suppressing displeasure at heart (6)
4 Geometric representation of essentially tearful goodbyes when English leave? (6)
8 Loud band's second rock trick (4,3)
9 California city's wet and clean? (7)
11 Are private exchanges compensatory? (10)
12 Wife shunned by girlfriends? That's a sign of disaster! (4)
13 Fabric reportedly moved gently (5)
14 A less unfortunate family gets luxury garment (8)
16 Strokes extremely fine, countering pace (8)
18 Use this to speak casually to Western girls - one essentially needs to be incisive (5)
20 Animal's stomach (4)
21 Perhaps the Devil trains it slyly to control church (10)
23 Electric vehicle acquired by competitor gets improvement (7)
24 Top team invited to Mothers' luncheon first (7)
25 Credit displayed in scene in audition for show (6)
26 Setter's name - one lacking character (6)

Down

1 Guard going around edge of forest with staff (5)
2 Artist's drawing of corporate life? (3,4)
3 Shape of verse's last word - poignant, ultimately (9)
5 Sailor had to die away (5)
6 A type of rock - one composed during soldier's return to America (7)
7 Measurement of certain type of energy requires infusion of small amount of Vanadium - one gram (9)
10 Spooner's cranky girlfriend to breakup (9)
13 Clean and small cafeteria served decent meals regularly (9)
15 Friend from a different caste? So? One should be embraced. (9)
17 Dog from Zaire irretrievably dragged upstream (7)
19 Raided lair one foot below for rescue (7)
21 Girl replaces boy in 5D for stone (5)
22 Tool to extract energy from waste (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Celebrating Kalyana Rama

It is human nature to want to look one's best on important occasions such as one's wedding. However, real beauty is eternal and is a reflection of one's innate goodness, best exemplified by Lord Rama. The Supreme Being took avatar as the scion of Ikshvaku clan only to show devotees that if one observes all dharmic values, he becomes beloved of all, said Dhamal Perundevi in a discourse.

People simply loved Rama, but not for His external beauty. When King Dasaratha decided to coronate Rama, he convened a meeting of the people of Ayodhya to get their consensus. When he asked them for their opinion on the *Pattabhishekam* for Rama, the crowd erupted in joy and shouts of "*Jay Jay*" rent the air. Dasaratha looked around him and when the celebratory noise subsided a little, observed, "You are eager for a change. Where did I go wrong that you all want me to go?" The crowd responded, saying, "You made only one mistake. You produced a son who is a repository of all that is excellent in a person. He carries himself like a royal and at the same time he is the personification of *prashantham*. He extends kindness to all creatures; he does not differentiate between the rich and the poor. Whosoever he meets on the road, he enquires about them. He truly cares for everyone's well being. His boundless kindness makes him forgive wrongdoers at once." In fact, Rama's kindness is infinite. As Nammazhwar says in *Periya Thiruvandhadhi*, "*Un adiyarkku en seiven endru iruttu nee*", meaning, "You are always thinking of what You can do for devotees." Just by thinking of Rama, all our sins of thought, speech and action get washed away.

WASHINGTON

U.S. indicts 4 Chinese companies for trafficking fentanyl ingredients

AFP

The U.S. government has charged four Chinese companies and eight Chinese individuals with trafficking in chemicals used in manufacturing fentanyl, Attorney General Merrick Garland said on Friday. Two of the Chinese have been arrested as the Justice Department intensifies its crackdown on the synthetic opioid. AFP

JOHANNESBURG

At least 31 die in abandoned South African gold mine; cause unknown

AP

At least 31 people, suspected to be illegal miners, are believed to have died last month in an abandoned South African gold mine, the government said on Friday. The deaths occurred in the ventilation shaft at an abandoned site in the gold mining town of Welkom, 260 kilometres from Johannesburg. The cause remains unknown. AFP

GENEVA

Violence in occupied West Bank could spiral 'out of control': UN

AFP

The new outbreak of violence in the occupied West Bank could spiral out of control, the UN human rights chief warned on Friday. This week, at least 18 people have been killed in the territory. "These latest killings and the violence serve only to drive Israelis and Palestinians deeper into an abyss," Volker Turk said. AFP

BEIJING

Beijing issues highest heat alert as China swelters at 40 degree Celsius

AP

China issued its highest-level heat alert for northern parts of the country on Friday as the capital baked in temperatures hovering around 40 degrees Celsius. On Friday morning, 185 red alerts were issued across swathes of northern and eastern China. The red warning is the highest in a four-tier system. AFP

Affirming U.S. as a 'trusted' long-term partner for tech, India sends message to China

Modi and Biden launched two Joint Task Forces on advanced telecommunications, focused on Open RAN and R&D in 5G/6G tech; An MoU on semiconductor supply chain has also been signed

Ananth Krishnan

Trusted partners: Prime Minister Narendra Modi signs autographs for U.S. lawmakers at the U.S. Capitol in Washington DC. AFP

Outlining a shared vision of "creating secure and trusted telecommunications" and "resilient supply chains" in the ambitious joint statement released in Washington, India has in the clearest terms yet both affirmed the U.S. as a "trusted" long-term partner in its plans for developing critical technologies and also sent a clear signal closing the door to China and its tech companies.

"President Biden and Prime Minister Modi share a vision of creating secure and trusted telecommunications, resilient supply chains, and enabling global digital inclusion. To fulfil this vision, the leaders launched two Joint Task Forces on advanced telecommunications, focused on Open RAN and research and development in 5G/6G technologies," the joint statement said, adding that public-private cooperation between vendors and operators will be led by India's Bharat 6G Alliance and the U.S. Next G Alliance. The two leaders also "endorsed an ambitious vision for 6G networks, including standards cooperation, facilitating access to chipsets for system development, and establishing joint research and development projects".

Significant step

Both described the signing of an MoU on the semiconductor supply chain as "a significant step in the coordination of our countries' semiconductor incentive programs". They also stressed the need to put in place a "Trusted Network/Trusted Sources" bilateral framework".

"Trusted" has been a recurring and key theme during the ongoing visit. As External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Friday, Mr. Modi's address to the U.S. Congress had "underlined that the India-U.S. relationship has moved from the 'hesitations of history'", which Mr. Modi had referred to in his 2016 address to Congress, "to 'trusted geographies'".

This has also coincided with a broader debate in the region in assessing risk while rolling out new technologies and in governing and managing data flows, by opening doors to only "trusted" geographies.

Chinese companies such as Huawei, which is offering its 5G technology to many countries in the region, are at the centre of the debate. India has been a major importer of Chinese telecom equipment which has been used in the rollout of 3G and 4G networks, but took a landmark decision in 2020 to leave Chinese companies out of 5G trials.

The downward spiral in relations since 2020, following China's border transgressions, has subsequently all but closed the door to once thriving tech cooperation between the neighbours. U.S. politicians who have been campaigning against Chinese tech firms on Friday welcomed the deepening technology cooperation between India and the U.S.

"I commend the announcement of important commercial, technological, and defence deals with India around Prime Minister Modi's visit this week," said Rep. Mike Gallagher, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, which focuses on U.S. economic and security competition with China. "A thriving relationship with the world's largest democracy," he said, "is critical to maintaining a stable, open Indo-Pacific."

NATO winds up its largest air exercise in Europe

Agence France-Presse
BERLIN

NATO on Friday concluded its largest ever air force deployment exercise in Europe in a show of force against potential threats such as Russia.

The German-led "Air Defender 23" manoeuvres brought together some 250 military aircraft from 25 NATO and partner nations like Japan and Sweden.

Up to 10,000 service members participated in the drills intended to boost interoperability and preparedness to protect against drones and cruise missiles in the case of an attack within NATO territory.

The exercise was a "complete success", the head of the German air force said.

350 Pak. citizens aboard boat that sank off Greece

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

Cast away: Of the estimated 700 migrants who were on board the overcrowded fishing boat, many still remain missing. REUTERS

Pakistan's Interior Minister said on Friday that an estimated 350 Pakistanis were on board an overcrowded fishing boat carrying migrants that sank off Greece last week, and many remain missing and may have died in one of the deadliest incidents in the central Mediterranean Sea.

Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan told lawmakers in the National Assembly that an estimated 700 migrants were on the boat when it sank on June 14. Only 104 people, including 12 Pakistanis, were rescued and 82 bodies have been recovered.

The total number of people on the ship has not been confirmed.

Mr. Khan said many of the missing Pakistanis are feared dead. "So far, 281 families have contacted the government saying their sons or dear ones might have been among those who were on the boat," he said.

Mr. Khan's comments shocked the lawmakers, who appeared distressed as he spoke. It was the first time a senior official has reported that so many Pakistani citizens were missing since the boat sinking. Officials are currently collecting DNA samples from people who say their relatives were on the vessel to help in the identification of the bodies.

Officials say the victims paid the smugglers between $5,000 and $8,000 for the voyage.

U.S. to boost women's access to contraception

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden will sign an executive order on Friday aimed at strengthening access to contraception, the White House said, a year after the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to abortion. Around 20 states have prohibited abortion outright or severely restricted access.

Friday's executive order will give women with private health insurance under the government-subsidised Affordable Care Act access to all Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptives, the White House said in a statement.

"In the last year, women have been denied essential medical care to preserve their health and even save their lives," the White House said.

"President Biden and Vice-President Harris stand with the majority of Americans who believe the right to choose is fundamental," it added.

It is Mr. Biden's first executive order aimed at protecting and expanding access to contraception.

U.K. accuses Russia of 'training combat dolphins' in Crimea

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Dolphins being trained at the Sevastopol State Oceanarium in Crimea. FILE PHOTO

British military spies on Friday said Russia appears to be training combat dolphins in the annexed Crimean peninsula to counter Ukrainian forces.

In its latest update on the conflict, U.K. Defence Intelligence said the Russian Navy had invested heavily in security at the Black Sea Fleet's main base at Sevastopol since last year.

"This includes at least four layers of nets and booms across the harbour entrance. In recent weeks, these defences have highly likely also been augmented by an increased number of trained marine mammals," it added.

"Imagery shows a near doubling of floating mammal pens in the harbour which highly likely contain bottle-nosed dolphins."

The animals were "likely intended to counter enemy divers", it added.

The Russian Navy has used Beluga whales and seals for a range of missions in Arctic waters, the update said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Mr.A.Aziz Qadar son of Late A. Qader,** to bring the notice of the general public that the original absolute sale deed date 24.11.2006 bearing document No.29753/2006-07, executed by **Mr.Syed Fayaz Ahmed and others in favour of Mr.A.Aziz Qadar** registered in the office of Anekal, Original Release Deed dated 8.6.2006, document No.8591/2006-07, registered in the office of Anekal and other related original title and revenue documents file is missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.

If any person/s, firm, company, bank, financial institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land bearing **Sy.No.254/5,** measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas + 10 Guntas Karab in total 1 Acre 20 Guntas, situated at **Hulimangala Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk,** and bounded on the:

East by : Property of Yunus Khan;
West by : Remaining land of the Vendors;
North by : Road;
South by : Private Property

LEGAL & LEGAL,
ADVOCATES, No.103, 2nd Floor, Ramya Nest Apts., 4th Cross, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bengaluru-560 043
Mob: 9900111844, 9535616656

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that my client, has entered into an oral agreement for purchase of the Schedule property with **Smt.Lakshmi Umashankar and others** and that they have purchased the Schedule property from **Sri.B.S.Krishnamurthy son of Late B.H.Subbaiah** through a sale deed dated 06.03.2015 registered on 09.03.2015 vide Doc.No.BSG-1-07656-2014-2015 stored in CD No.BSGD268 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore and that the Survey No.44 measuring 7 acres 15 Guntas was acquired by Sri.B.S.Krishnamurthy son of Late B.H.Subbaiah through Partition Deed entered into between B.H.Subbaiah and his sons duly registered on 29.12.1955 vide Doc.No.5566-1955-1956 Vol.1507 at pages 144-153 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore Taluk. Presently Smt.Lakshmi Umashankar and others are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property stated in the Schedule below by virtue of registered Sale deed and are in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule property.

Any person/s objecting the sale of the Schedule Property or in possession of the Schedule Property through any method of conveyance such as General Power of Attorney or Sale agreement or either through Mortgage or any other claim from the legal heirs of Late B.H.Subbaiah, shall intimate the same or may write to the Undersigned if they have any claim on the Schedule Property or in any manner what so ever within **Fifteen days** from the date of this publication and any objections, claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed thereafter as if there are no claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped converted property bearing **Sy.No.44** vide Conversion Order No.ALN(S.U).Ne. Circle/S.R/03/2014-15, dated 17.11.2014, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District, situated at **Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** Now comes under BBMP limits, measuring 0-18 guntas out of 1 Acre 10 Guntas and bounded on the :

East by : Property in Sy.No.48,
West by : 30 Feet Road,
North by : Property in Sy.No.49,
South by : Remaining portion of Sy.No.44.

Smt. Gayathri. S. Acharya,
M.Com, LLB, Advocate,
No.630, 14th Cross, J.P.Nagar I Phase, Bangalore -560078, Mobile No.9845124134
Dated : 23.06.2023 Place : Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client is desirous of purchasing properties described in the Schedule from its owner **ORB Energy Private Limited,** No.95, Digital Park Road, 2nd Stage, Yeshawanthpura, Bengaluru 560022 who has purchased Item No. 1, under Sale Deed dated 15/11/2021 (registered as Document No.BAN-1-01544/ 2021-22, Stored in C.D.No. BAND 821, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Banavara) from its Owners Smt. Bhagamma, W/o Late Sri Puttaswamy and others and Item Nos.2 & 3, under Sale Deed dated 18/08/2021 (registered as Document No.BAN-1-00738/2021-22, Stored in C.D.No.BAND763, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Banavara) from its owners Smt. Nandini P.M.. D/o Mallikarjunappa, Smt. Kotturamma, W/o Sri Nagappa & others;

Any person/s asserting any right/s, interest, title or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Property, in any manner whatsoever or has any objection/s to such sale in favour of our Client is/are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing, within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, along with documentary proof thereof. If no such written objections/claims along with documentary proof is/are received by the undersigned within the aforesaid period, our Client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s and/or objection/s whatsoever with regard to the Schedule Property and will conclude the sale transaction, without being liable for any future claim/s.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All the piece and parcel of the Industrially converted land bearing Survey No.81/3, (Old Survey No.81/1) measuring 2 acres, situated at Kanakatte Village, Arsikere Taluk, Hassan District converted vide Official Memoran-dum bearing file No. 299196 dated 24/03/2022 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District and bounded as follows:

On the East: By Land belonging to Kotturamma; **West:** By Land belonging to Shivalingappa **North:** By Land belonging to Sumitramma **South:** By Land belonging to Revamma

Item No.2: All the piece and parcel of the Industrially converted land bearing Survey No.80/3, (Old Survey No.80/1) measuring 1 acres 27 guntas, situated at Kanakatte Village, Arsikere Taluk, Hassan District converted vide Official Memorandum bearing file No.274516 dated 17/03/2022 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District and bounded as follows:

On the East: By property belonging to T. Rangappa & P.Kotturregowda **West:** By Property belonging to Sumitramma **North:** By Property belonging to Hebadimane Kalleshappa **South:** By Property of Gudihalli Eshwarappa

Item No.3: All the piece and parcel of the Industrially converted land bearing Survey No.135/2, measuring 1 acres 20 guntas, situated at Kanakatte Village, Arsikere Taluk, Hassan District converted vide Official Memorandum bearing file No.274517 dated 24/12/2021 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District and bounded as follows:

On the East: By Land belonging to Kotturamma **West :** By Land belonging to Kotturamma **North :** By Land belonging to Nandini **South :** By Land belonging to Prem Kumar

Date: 21.06.2023 **Pradeep S. Sawkar**
Bengaluru **M/s. Sundaraswamy & Ramdas**
Advocates,
No.24, Keshava Nivas, Kalidasa Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore – 560 009.
Ph: 22263838, 22380809 Fax: 22251764
E-mail: admin@sundaraswamy.com

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
E-Tender Notice No. 09 UBL 2023-24
Dated: 14-06-2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Sectional Telecommunication Maintenance Contract Hosapete-Londa section (excluding Hosapete & Londa stations) Ginigera - Karatagi, Alanavar-Ambewadi and Hubballi - Karajgi of Hubballi Division.	Rs. 53,25,866.80

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 17-07-2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Assistant Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/I/Hubballi
PUB/197/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby cautioned that my client **EPPETI THIMMA REDDY,** S/o Late Eppeti Venkataramanappa, is the absolute owner of Sy.No.48 (Old Sy.No.32), (2 Acres 18 Guntas) of Veerapura Village, Madabal Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District. In respect of the Western portion (1 Acre-07 Guntas) of the said property, I had executed GPA in favour of Smt.Bhagya, W/o Late Krishna Reddy, R/at No.327, 7th Cross, 24th Main, HSR Layout, Sector-1, Bengaluru-560102 and the same is duly terminated/revoked by my client by issuing a Legal Notice dtd. 23-06-2023 and no person shall deal with any body in respect of any portion of the above said property and if any one deals with the said person, he/she/they will be doing so at his/her/their own risk and my client shall not be held liable or responsible for the same and such persons shall not derive any rights over the said property

S.A.Sudhindra, Advocate
Sadali Associates
No.34, 4/15, 3rd Floor, Pamadi Tower, I Main, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr.MOHAMMED SHAHID AHMED SHARIFF,** S/o.Mr.Mohammed Nisar Ahmed Shariff, Residing at # 6, 2nd Main, Ambedkar Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032, intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from the vendors **1) Sri.K.MOHAN RAO, S/o.Late.Sri.K.Kotaiah, 2) Sri.K.SRINIVASA RAO, S/o.Sri.K.Mohan Rao,** both are Residing at # 98/3, 13th Cross, 6th Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003, and who claims to be the Absolute co-owners having acquired the same by virtue of an Registered Deed of Sale vide Dated: 15-06-2016 which is Registered as Document No.GNR-1-00969-2016-17 of Book-I, stored in CD No.GNRD-120, by the Sub-Registrar, Ganganagar, Bangalore., along with another co-purchaser Smt.K.Sambarajyam, W/o. Late. Sri.Karumanchi Seshaiah, and who subsequently bequeathed the schedule property in favour of the aforesaid vendors viz. Sri.K.Mohan Rao, and Sri.K.Srinivasa Rao.

Any person who has got any Right, Title, Interest or claim and objections if any to the proposed sale transaction may write to the undersigned with documentary proof within **TEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice, failing which it is presumed that there are no claims, and no objections, and my client will proceed with the said sale transaction and no claims or objections will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of BDA Residential Property Bearing Present Municipal Corporation **No.66,** situated at **1st Block, R.T.Nagar, New BBMP Ward No.46, Bangalore,** along with Land, open spaces and all the structure standing thereon. A**llotted PID No.97-1-66.**

MEASURING :
East to West : 23.77 mtrs;
North to South : 15.24 mtrs;
Totally Measuring : 3900 sft.
BOUNDED ON THE :
East by : Property Bearing No.55;
West by : Road;
North by : Property Bearing No.67;
South by : Property Bearing No.65;

ABDUL LATEEF KHAN, M.A.LL.B.,
GUFRAN .G. B.Com., LL.B.,
ZAMEER BASHA, B.A., LL.B.,
Advocates
16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, Bangalore-560084. M : 9845110533
Place : Bangalore Date : 23-06-2023

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ADVERTISEMENT No.03/2023

School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada invites applications from Indian National for the following posts on Direct Recruitment/Deputation.

Name of the Post	Level of Pay	No. of Post	Reservations				
			UR	SC	ST	OBC-NCL	EWS
Assistant Registar (on Deputation)	10	01	01	--	--	--	--
Section Officer	08	02	02	--	--	--	--
Private Secretary	07	01	01	--	--	--	--
Accountant	06	01	01	--	--	--	--
Personal Assistant (Direct-01, Deputation-01)	06	02	02	--	--	--	--
Junior Superintendent (Technical) (Direct-01, Deputation-01)	06	02	02	--	--	--	--
Technical Assistant	03	05	04	--	--	01	--
Library Assistant	03	01	01	--	--	--	--
Graphic Designer/ Senior Technical Assistant (Publication)	07	01	01(PwD)	--	--	--	--
Graphic Assistant/Technical Assistant (Publications)	06	01	01	--	--	--	--

Reservations for SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/PwD and age relaxation are applicable as per GoI orders. For detailed information regarding eligibility, qualification, experience, other terms and conditions and application forms, visit our website **www.spav.ac.in.** The last date of receipt of application is **31.07.2023** by 17.00 hrs.

Sd/- Registrar

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
NETAJI SUBHAS SOUTHERN CENTRE, BENGALURU

NO.NSSC/PERS/CF-533/YP/ACCOUNTS/2023
DATE: 23/06/2023

CORRIGENDUM

01. Reference to Advertisement dated.09/06/2023, the last date to submit the application to the post of Catering Manager has been extended upto 03/07/2023.
02. Reference to Advertisement dated.09/06/2023,
i). The last date to submit the application to the post of Young Professional (Accounts/Finance) has been extended upto 03/07/2023.
ii). Upper Age limit may **be read as 32 years** instead of 32 to 45 years (with the age relaxation for OBC/SC & ST candidate as per DOPT norms.

Sl. No	Post	Number Of Post	Category
01	Catering Manager	01	UR
02	YP (Accounts/ Finance)	02	UR-1 OBC-1

The details of recruitment along with application form are available at SAI website i.e; http://sportsauthorityofIndia.nic.in/ and http://www.saibengaluru.com/

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Executive Director
Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bengaluru

INBRIEF

Hyundai Motor to introduce Exter micro SUV on July 10

Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) said it is all set to unveil micro sport utility vehicle (SUV) Exter on July 10. On Friday, the South Korean car maker announced the commercial production of Exter at the Sriperumbudur plant. "With the Hyundai Exter, we are venturing into a new segment that further enhances HMIL's position as a full range SUV manufacturer," MD & CEO Unsoo Kim said in a statement. The Exter comes with 6 airbags as a standard feature across all trims.

LIC unveils non-linked single premium plan Dhan Vridhhi

Life Insurance Corporation on Friday unveiled a new close-ended plan Dhan Vridhhi. The plan will be on sale from June 23 through September 30, the national insurer said in a statement. LIC said Dhan Vriddhi is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings, single premium life plan, offering a combination of protection and savings. The plan offers a minimum basic assured sum of ₹1,25,000 and can be opted for more in multiples of ₹5,000. PTI

Dr. Reddy's makes foray into India's trade generics market

Pharma major Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (DRL) is making a foray into the trade generics business in India and has formed a new division RgenX to focus on the segment. "This foray into trade generics will add to our reach and depth by making high-quality medicines of Dr. Reddy's accessible to more patients in the country," CEO - India and Emerging Markets M.V. Ramana said. To begin with, DRL will be focusing on acute segment products in the trade generics business.

'Price stability is a must for growth'

Bringing down inflation and stabilising inflation expectations will revive consumer spending, boost corporate revenues and profits thus giving an incentive for private capex, RBI officials led by Deputy Governor Patra write in the monthly bulletin

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Basic mantra: Path to high but sustainable inclusive growth has to be paved by price stability, write RBI officials led by Patra. REUTERS

Taming inflation and anchoring inflation expectations is key to helping revive consumer spending and private capital expenditure and thereby supporting growth, RBI officials wrote in an article in the bank's monthly bulletin released on Friday.

"Recent national accounts data and corporate results when read in conjunction clearly show that inflation is slowing down personal consumption expenditure. This, in turn, is moderating corporate sales and holding back private investment in capacity creation," the officials, including Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra, wrote in the article on 'State of the Economy'.

"Bringing down inflation and stabilising inflation expectations will revive consumer spending, boost corporate revenues and profitability, which is the best incentive for private capex," they added.

Private consumption spending, which expanded by a sluggish 2.8% in the January-March quarter, as per latest NSO data, is estimated to have actually contracted 3.2% sequentially.

The RBI's officials cited Governor Shaktikanta Das's comments after the Monetary Policy Committee voted to leave interest rates unchanged this month that monetary authorities would need to move towards ensuring inflation was aligned with the "primary target of 4%".

Refuting the view that the RBI's flexible inflation targeting was the single-minded pursuit of a single target, the officials emphasised that contrary to critics' perception, the central bank's approach was ultimately "a growth preservation and promotion monetary policy framework".

"It is axiomatic that the path to high but sustainable inclusive growth has to be paved by price stability," the officials stressed.

"Once this is realised, the trade-offs and dilemmas confronting the conduct of monetary policy fade away," they added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	62,979	-0.41
US Dollar	81.96	0.02
Gold	59,180	-0.62
Brent oil	73.63	-0.70

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2233.55	-163.70
Adani Ports	714.30	-31.30
Apollo Hosp	5045.45	-20.55
Asian Paints	3297.70	49.65
Axis Bank	958.40	-8.20
Bajaj Auto	4622.60	10.50
Bajaj Finserv	1501.95	-5.70
Bajaj Finance	6989.65	-40.35
Bharti Airtel	854.80	12.00
BPCL	359.60	-13.80
Britannia Ind	4970.80	-16.25
Cipla	989.40	-8.90
Coal India	225.90	-1.05
Divis Lab	3462.95	-80.90
Dr Reddys Lab	4993.90	94.45
Eicher Motors	3539.20	-19.40
Grasim Ind	1716.10	-34.20
HCL Tech	1165.15	1.75
HDFC	2723.15	7.25
HDFC Bank	1643.50	-0.10
HDFC Life	626.90	-12.10
Hero MotoCorp	2776.40	-48.65
Hindalco	408.50	-11.55
Hind Unilever	2641.60	-12.75
ICICI Bank	923.50	-2.25
IndusInd Bank	1308.70	36.00
Infosys	1265.00	-16.55
ITC	444.75	-2.90
JSW Steel	746.50	-5.85
Kotak Bank	1828.55	-7.55
L&T	2389.55	-26.70
M&M	1373.25	-5.45
Maruti Suzuki	9327.30	-75.75
NestleIndia	22536.85	3.95
NTPC	186.70	2.20
ONGC	156.90	-2.05
PowerGrid Corp	250.10	-3.45
Reliance Ind	2514.75	-20.75
SBI Life	1262.70	-13.80
State Bank	554.60	-8.35
Sun Pharma	991.45	1.15
TataConsumerProduct	840.85	-1.05
Tata Motors	559.65	-9.70
Tata Steel	109.60	-1.50
TCS	3216.35	-22.15
Tech Mahindra	1115.50	-3.55
Titan	2939.15	-31.10
UltraTech Cement	8080.20	-82.55
UPL	666.85	-7.55
Wipro	379.95	-2.35

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 23

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.84	82.16
Euro	88.98	89.32
British Pound	104.13	104.54
Japanese Yen (100)	57.14	57.37
Chinese Yuan	11.40	11.45
Swiss Franc	91.03	91.39
Singapore Dollar	60.49	60.74
Canadian Dollar	61.97	62.21
Malaysian Ringitt	17.49	17.57
Australian Dollar	54.77	54.99

Source:Indian Bank

'Most States failed to meet their capital spending targets in FY23'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Large States like Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra faltered significantly in their capital spending plans for 2022-23 while just six States managed to come close to meeting their capex targets, as per a Bank of Baroda report based on data from 25 States.

While the Centre met its infrastructure spending targets last year, as per its stated commitment to pump prime the economy till private investments rebound, States' performance had been disparate and disappointing, the bank's economists noted.

The 25 State governments for which data is available now managed to spend only 76.2%, or ₹5.71 lakh crore, from their planned capex of ₹7.49 lakh crore for 2022-23.

"The two largest States in terms of planned capex, U.P. and Maharashtra had an outlay of ₹2.19 lakh crore, which is 29.2% of the total capex of these 25 States," the bank's economics research team observed. "Their combined achievement was just 70% which has brought down the average for the entire sample," they added.

The worst performance was recorded in Andhra Pradesh, which met just 23% of its capex target, followed by Tripura, Nagaland and Haryana, which spent less than 50% of their target.

Only four States – Karnataka, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and Bihar – met or exceeded targets while Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh came very close at more than 98% of the target. Eleven States crossed the 80% threshold, including Tamil Nadu (89.9%) and Gujarat (89.5%).

"The under-achievement phenomenon is not really new as the rate was around 72% in 2019-20, though it had improved to 95% in 2021-22. The States certainly have to improve their record here in order to push forward the investment cycle as the private sector will take some time before coming in a broad-based manner," the report's authors concluded.

'Decision by U.S., India to end trade row, a big victory'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The decision taken by U.S. and India to end six major trade disputes at WTO is a 'big victory' and will be mutually beneficial for both countries, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday.

The disputes include three initiated by India and as many by the U.S. He said the resumption of talks at the Trade Policy Forum has started yielding significant results. In 2022-23, the bilateral goods trade rose to $128.8 billion from $119.5 billion in 2021-22.

Micron to produce first semiconductor chip at India plant by Dec. 2024: Vaishnaw

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Ashwini Vaishnaw

The $2.7-billion semiconductor assembly and testing plant to be built by U.S.-headquartered Micron in India will produce its first chip in six quarters, that is, by December 2024, said Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw.

The plant would create 5,000 direct and 15,000 indirect jobs, Mr. Vaishnaw said on Friday. Micron's decision to build the plant was announced on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States

Terming semiconductors a "foundational technology" used in most electronic appliances like phones and computers besides cars, Mr. Vaishnaw said the investment signalled a milestone for the Indian semiconductor ecosystem.

The manufacturing input for the plant, which Mr. Vaishnaw said would be brought from Japan, would be made into chips and sold to manufacturers in India and abroad, though a break up of how much was expected to be sold domestically and abroad was not provided.

Mr. Vaishnaw added that the groundwork to domestically synthesize hundreds of chemicals and gases involved in semiconductor manufacturing had been laid. Ultra-pure water (UPW), which is required in semiconductor manufacturing in large quantities, would be manufactured for the Micron plant, Mr. Vaishnaw said in response to a query.

The government revised incentives offered to manufacturers under the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, first in September 2022, and subsequently in this month, and invited previously ineligible applicants to re-apply for benefits.

Shriram Life declares ₹149-cr. bonus for FY23

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Shriram Life Insurance Co. Ltd. (SLIC) has declared a bonus of ₹149 crore for FY23, an increase of 25% from FY22.

The bonus would benefit 3.29 lakh individuals and their families.

It comes on the back of a record profit and 24% growth in individual non-single premia, the insurer said in a statement.

Last year, SLIC had sold 2.90 lakh policies.

NSW in talks to add Sydney-India flights

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Destination NSW (DNSW), the global tourism promotion arm of New South Wales, a south-eastern Australian State, is in talks with several airlines including Qantas, Air India, Singapore Airlines, Malaysian Airlines, Thai Airways, Scoot, etc., to encourage them to introduce new direct flights or additional flights between the State capital Sydney and India.

"We are currently in talks with Qantas and the airline may add an additional Bengaluru-Sydney flight by October," Samar Chokshi, Country Manager-India, DNSW told *The Hindu*. "We are also in conversation with Air India exploring if Bengaluru can be an option for the airline to introduce a direct flight to Sydney," he added.

Easy visa

"The entire visa processing for tourists, businessmen and students is simplified and made online without any physical documentation or biometrics. The whole visa application process takes 45 minutes and this has been a game changer," he further added.

Mercedes Benz unveils roadster at ₹2.35 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Mercedes-Benz India rolled out AMG SL 55 4matic+ roadster version with prices starting at ₹2.35 crore (all India ex-showroom).

The vehicle features a V8 petrol engine with twin turbochargers and generates 350 kW with a top speed of 295 km/h. For the first time, the vehicle has been developed completely by Mercedes-AMG in Affalterbach, Germany.

Sport

Much-awaited: UP CM Yogi Adityanath unveiled the first ticket of the inaugural MotoGP Bharat 2023. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Moto GP Bharat tickets go on sale

Sports Bureau
LUCKNOW

The ticket sales of MotoGP Bharat, India's first-ever global motorcycling event, went live on Friday. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath unveiled the ticket sales and was also handed over the first ticket by the organisers. Tickets are available on BookMyShow for the event, scheduled at Buddh International Circuit in Noida from September 22-24.

Organised by promoters FairStreet Sports, tickets range from ₹800 to ₹40,000 for approximately 100,000 seats.

Prannoy goes down to Angus in the quarterfinals

Press Trust of India
TAIPEI

H.S. Prannoy suffered a straight-game loss to Hong Kong's Ng Ka Long Angus in the quarterfinals to end India's campaign at the Taipei Open Super 300 badminton tournament here on Friday. The world No. 9 went down 19-21, 8-21 to the fifth-seeded Angus in a lop-sided contest.

Coming into the match with a 6-5 head-to-head record, third seed Prannoy matched his rival in the beginning but crumbled in the latter stages. Both the shuttlers didn't yield much as they engaged in a tight game, leading to a close affair in the first part of the opening game.

Former hockey forward Rajiv Mishra no more

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Mishra. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Rajiv Mishra, an exceptionally talented forward who played a key role in India securing a silver medal in the 1997 Junior World Cup hockey tournament in Milton Keynes, passed away recently in mysterious circumstances. He was in his mid-40s and is survived by his wife and a daughter, said one of his team-mates.

Mishra's body was found at his home in Benaras, where he was employed with the Railways.

Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey, who played in Milton Keynes, paid tributes to Mishra.

"Only three players – Rajiv, Baljit Singh Saini and I – from that Indian side were chosen in the Junior World XI. Rajiv excelled with his speed and skill. Unfortunately, his career was cut short by a knee injury," said Tirkey. The Kolkata-born Mishra, who struck nine goals, was one of the top goal-scorers of the 1997 Junior World Cup.

King's Ransom well prepped to deliver in the Chief Justice's Cup

RACING

BENGALURU: King's Ransom, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Chief Justice's Cup (1,800m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (June 24).

False rails (width about 2m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 DUPONT PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 1-30 p.m.: 1. Twilight Tornado (2) Inayat 62.5, 2. Millbrook (11) S. John 60, 3. Emma (3) A. Ramu 59, 4. Venus (7) Likith Appu 57.5 5. White Roses (9) Trevor 57, 6. Appsara (5) Vinod Shinde 56, 7. Foi (12) Bhawani S 56, 8. The King N I (8) R. Pradeep 56, 9. Quevega (6) Rajesh K 53.5, 10. Solid Power (10) S. Saba 53.5, 11. The Pirate (1) J.H. Arul 52 and 12. Way Of Life (4) Salman Khan 51.5.
1. VENUS, 2. TWILIGHT TORNADO, 3. WHITE ROSES

2 SIR BRUCE PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2-00: 1. Imperial Gesture (2) Hindu S 56, 2. Sea God (9) G. Vivek 56, 3. The Welcome (1) Sai Kiran 56, 4. Time Limit (5) Khurshad 56, 5. Zaza (7) N.S. Parmar 56, 6. Amazing Attraction (4) Trevor 54.5, 7. Anadale (8) S. Saqlain 54.5, 8. Norwegian Wood (6) Antony 54.5 and 9. Prophecy (3) P.S. Chouhan 54.5.
1. PROPHECY, 2. ANADALE, 3. AMAZING ATTRACTION

3 PRABALO PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Chul Bul Rani (8) Tousif 60, 2. Osiris (7) M. Naveen 58, 3. Spirit Dancer (3) Srinath 58, 4. By The Book (5) Zervan 56.5, 5. Domina (2) Antony 56, 6. Sacred Creator (1) Rajesh K 56, 7. Capri Girl (4) Sai Kiran 54, 8. Striking Point (6) Vinod Shinde 54 and 9. Emeraldo (9) Arvind K 53.5.
1. EMERALDO, 2. BY THE BOOK, 3. CHUL BUL RANI

4 SIR BRUCE PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. Bleue Dali (7) P. Sai Kumar 56, 2. Bourbon Bay (1) Bhawani S 56, 3. Golden Glow (4) Akshay K 56, 4. Indian Sniper (6) Yash 56, 5. Septimius Severus (2) Hindu S 56, 6. Clockwise (5) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 7. Powerful Princess (8) Khurshad 54.5 and 8. Windsor (3) Afroz Khan 54.5.
1. GOLDEN GLOW, 2. CLOCKWISE, 3. INDIAN SNIPER

5 D. KUMAR SIDDANNA MEMORIAL CUP (2,000m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Fortunate Son (3) N.S. Parmar 61, 2. Splendido (2) Trevor 59, 3. Champions Way (1) Yash 56.5, 4. Ramiel (4) Hindu S 50.5 and 5. Big Red (Akshay K) 50.
1. CHAMPIONS WAY, 2. BIG RED

6 CHIEF JUSTICE'S CUP (1,800m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-00: 1. King's Ransom (3) P.S. Chouhan 60, 2. Mojito (2) A. Imran 60, 3. Jake (1) Antony 58.5, 4. Rasputin (5) S. Saqlain 55.5, 5. Third Avenue (4) Akshay K 55.5 and 6. Monteverdi (6) Hindu S 55.
1. KING'S RANSOM, 2. MONTEVERDI

7 PRABALO PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Acaster (2) Vivek 62.5, 2. Classic Charm (6) Srinath 62.5, 3. Ultimate Striking (8) Trevor 62.5, 4. Chisox (3) Inayat 61.5, 5. The Omega Man (5) Tousif 61, 6. Silver Swift (1) C. Umesh 60, 7. Musterion (4) Bhawani S 59, 8. The Golden Dream (9) M. Naveen 59, 9. Baltimore (7) Antony 55.
1. THE OMEGA MAN, 2. ULTIMATE STRIKER, 3. SILVER SWIFT

Day's best: **GOLDEN GLOW**

Double: **CHAMPIONS WAY – KING'S RANSOM**

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

A DAY OF TONS

Sutherland smashes century, but Beaumont leads England's reply

Annabel Sutherland (137 not out), *in pic*, took Australia to 473 before Tammy Beaumont (100 batting) helped England reach 218 for two on day two of the one-off Test at Nottingham on Friday. **The scores:** Australia 473 (Perry 99, Sutherland 137 n.o., Ecclestone 5/129) vs England 218/2 (Beaumont 100 batting, Knight 57).

PUNTER'S SECRET

'Was approached for England Test coach position before McCullum'

Ricky Ponting has revealed that he was approached for the England Test coaching role before Brendon McCullum took over last year. After an embarrassing 0-4 Ashes defeat Down Under, the England men's team set up went through a massive overhaul. Ponting said he was approached by Rob Key.

BACK-UP

England adds Rehan Ahmed to squad for second Ashes Test

England spinner Rehan Ahmed has been added to the Ashes squad for the second Test against Australia at Lord's next week as cover for Moeen Ali, who was nursing a finger injury in the first match, the ECB said on Friday. Rehan, 18, has played one Test for England when it defeated Pakistan in December 2022 in Karachi.

UNDERWHELMING

Aditi lies tied-61st at PGA Championship in Springfield

India's Aditi Ashok carded a disappointing 3-over 74 in the opening round to be Tied-61 at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship. Only 16 players shot under par rounds and another 16 getting even par 71. Leading the field was Lee-Anne Pace of South Africa who made a two-putt birdie on the final hole in fading daylight for a 5-under 66.

Jaiswal, Ruturaj and Mukesh get their maiden Test call-up

The two top-order batters have been earmarked as the next in line in India's top-three; the team management has apparently decided to 'move on' after WTC loss; Pujara and Umesh get the axe, Shami rested for the tour

INDIA IN WI

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Cheteshwar Pujara and Umesh Yadav have been dropped from India's Test squad for the West Indies series while pace spearhead Mohammed Shami has been rested for the Tests and ODIs in the Caribbean.

Top-order batters Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ruturaj Gaikwad and medium-pacer Mukesh Kumar have earned their maiden call-up for the Test series that marks the beginning of India's new World Test Championship (WTC) cycle.

The four-member national selection panel, with interim chief selector Shiv Sundar Das, finalised the squads for the two Tests and three ODIs in the West Indies starting on July 12, during its meeting on Thursday.

Double delight: Mukesh and Ruturaj have been included in both the Test and ODI squads. FILE PHOTOS: K. MURALI KUMAR

The itinerary
Tests: 1st: July 12-16 (Dominica); **2nd:** July 20-24 (Port-of-Spain, Trinidad). (Matches start at 7.30 p.m. IST)
ODIs: 1st: July 27 (Barbados), **2nd:** July 29 (Barbados), **3rd:** August 1 (Tauroba, Trinidad). (Matches start at 7 p.m. IST).

T20 team later

Announcing the teams on Friday, BCCI secretary Jay Shah stated that the squad for the five-T20Is in the West Indies in August will be announced "later", but the statement did not offer any explanation on the changes.

The Hindu understands that the selection committee, in consultation with the team management, decided to "move on" from Pujara and Umesh in the aftermath of India's second successive WTC final loss.

Interestingly, Ajinkya Rahane, who marked his return to Tests during the WTC final versus Australia, has been handed over the vice-captaincy again.

Jaiswal and Ruturaj have been earmarked as the next in line in India's top-three and one of them is set to make his debut in the series-opener on July 12.

Shami, meanwhile, is understood to have been given a break keeping in mind his heavy workload in the last six months and his importance for India's World Cup campaign in October-November.

Saini included

Navdeep Saini, who had featured in the two 'Tests' against Bangladesh-A in November-December and had a decent outing in the Irani Cup against Madhya Pradesh in March, has earned a Test call-up.

The ODI squad has witnessed Sanju Samson benefiting due to K.L. Rahul's injury.

It will be interesting to see whether Samson is preferred over Ishan Kishan as the primary wicketkeeper.

Meanwhile, the BCCI has floated an advertisement seeking applications for a vacant post in the men's senior selection committee.

June 30 deadline

The deadline for submitting the application is June 30.

Ever since chief selector Chetan Sharma was forced to resign after being caught in a sting operation, the selection committee has been functioning with four members.

After a prolonged wait and with the World Cup barely three months away, the BCCI has initiated the process to fill up the vacancy.

The squads:

Tests: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Ajinkya Rahane (vice-capt.), Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Virat Kohli, Yashasvi Jaiswal, K.S. Bharat (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel, Mohammed Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Jaydev Unadkat and Navdeep Saini.

ODIs: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Hardik Pandya (vice-capt.), Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Sanju Samson (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Shardul Thakur, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Jaydev Unadkat, Mohammed Siraj, Umran Malik and Mukesh Kumar.

Jaiswal looking forward to a new beginning

Prolific: Jaiswal has been piling it on in all formats over the last 14 months. FILE PHOTO: K. PICHUMANI

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

His name was being murmured ever since India's World Test Championship (WTC) final loss. Even though he was officially informed about his maiden India call-up for the Test matches on Thursday night, young batter Yashasvi Jaiswal kept his composure, which has been his hallmark, till the squad was formally announced on Friday afternoon.

Only then did he get a little bit emotional. "I have been trying to tell myself not to get excited since it's just the beginning but it is obviously a big deal," Jaiswal told *The Hindu*. "I have been working towards for this very moment all my life. And I know it's just the beginning. I am looking forward to it."

Jaiswal's rise from staying in a tent at a Mumbai maidan to India Under-19 to being the youngest double centurion in List A cricket to an Indian Premier League star to a prolific First Class run-getter has been well-documented.

What is astonishing is the manner in which he has been pulverising bowlers, irrespective of the format, conditions and opposition.

Fantastic form

Since April 2022, he has been in phenomenal touch. In 24 innings in 14 matches for four different teams in First Class cricket – Mumbai, West Zone, India A and Rest of India – he has plundered 1825 runs, with nine hundreds.

In six List A innings, all for Mumbai, Jaiswal has scored 396 runs, with two hundreds. And in the shortest format, including two seasons for Rajasthan Royals, he has tallied 1149 runs in 34 innings, including a hundred and eight fifties.

How has he been able to achieve what's often referred to as "being in the zone" in sporting lingo?

"Not thinking too much about external factors. Making optimum use of every practice session and being determined on the results," he says. "It may sound as a cliche but honestly, all I have been trying to do is to focus on the processes."

Manika and Sathiyan enter last-four stage

Sports Bureau

G. Sathiyan and Manika Batra defeated Germany's Cedric Meisssner and Yuan Wan 11-8, 11-3, 11-8 to enter the mixed doubles semifinals of the WTT Contender Tunis on Friday.

In men's doubles last-eight, Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah downed Xiang Peng and Cao Wei of China 11-9, 11-7, 3-11, 7-11, 11-2.

Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee put it across Taipei's Chen Szu-Yu & Huang Yi-Hua 10-12, 11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 11-7 in the women's doubles quarterfinals.

In men's singles, Harmeet Desai went down to Liang Yanning of China in the pre-quarterfinals. Yanning won 11-5, 11-6, 11-5.

India loses to Japan, bows out

Press Trust of India
BANGKOK

India went down 4-8 against Japan in its final Group D match and crashed out of AFC U-17 Asian Cup here on Friday. The Blue Colts needed a win to stand a chance to qualify for the quarterfinals.

Gakuto Kawamura, Gaku Nawata (2), Shuto Nagano, Yumeki Yoshinaga, Yotaro Nakajim, Gota Yamaguchi and Shungo Sugiora scored for Japan.

For India, Panwar, Danny Meitei and Korou Singh scored. D. Miyagawa's own goal made it 4-8.

Saraswati wins 500m roller skating gold

Perfect finish: Saraswati was outstanding and skated straight into the jubilant arms of her coaches after her run. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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BERLIN

Saraswati clinched the 500m roller skating race in the Special Olympics World Games here. Her cool-down lap saw her skate straight into the jubilant arms of her coaches, cheering and rooting for her from the sidelines.

Angelina Mary Poussin claimed silver in the 100m. Ranveer Saini and Rahul Agarwal won gold in golf while Ankush Saha triumphed in Level 1 golf.

Ranveer and Rahul played four rounds and were on the top of the leaderboard on all four days.

They triumphed by a record-breaking margin of 18 shots.

India added 21 medals to its overnight tally of 55 – 26 gold, 30 silver, 20 bronze – by the end of action on Thursday.

Sahal ready to 'contribute more' as the Blue Tigers take on Nepal

SAFF CHAMPIONSHIP

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

After having brushed aside Pakistan, India will look to dish out the same treatment to Nepal in its second Group-A match of the SAFF Championship, at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Saturday.

Nepal, at 174, is the third lowest-ranked team in the competition after Pakistan and Bangladesh, and is coming off an opening-day defeat to Kuwait (1-3). Against a formidable and confident Indian team, it will need a rousing performance.

India will not have coach Igor Stimac on the touchline after the red card against Pakistan triggered the automatic one-match suspension. But the burly Croat was at Friday's training, leading the huddle and giving a pep talk.

Creator's plan: Sahal is keen to put the training-ground knowledge into practice and take the burden off Chhetri. K. MURALI KUMAR

Sahal Abdul Samad, one of Stimac's favourite players, is eager to put to use all the acquired training-ground knowledge. In the pre-match interaction, the 26-year-old creator stressed on the need to "contribute more" in order to take some burden off skipper and talisman Sunil Chhetri.

Against Pakistan, India stitched together many promising passing moves, but couldn't quite get it right in the final third until the very end when Anwar Ali released Udanta Singh through on goal with a wonderful overhead pass.

"We have a fantastic player who scores goals for us," Sahal said, smiling ear-to-ear. "The coach asks us to change that and we need to start scoring. Not just Sunil *bhai*.

"Of course, we are happy to have him, [but] everything is a process and it can't be changed suddenly. Four years [ago] we started to see a change in our way of playing and we are really happy with the way we are going."

For Nepal, it's a do-or-die clash, for two losses out of two will sound the death knell. But in such situations teams can sometimes throw caution to the winds.

"We have played them before and we had a video session now," said Sahal. "They are good, they fight and are fearless. [But] we are ready for them."

Carlsen bests Anand but GG stays on top

Hello, friend! Carlsen greets Anand prior to their match-up.

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In a battle between two former five-time World champions, SG Alpine Warriors' (SG) icon player Magnus Carlsen prevailed over captain of Ganges Grandmasters (GG), Viswanathan Anand, on the second day of the Global Chess League in Dubai on Friday.

However, Anand's team had the last laugh as it won the match 11-6 to register its second straight win and be on top of the leaderboard with six match points and 21 game points.

In other matches, Warriors edged out Balan Alaskan Knights 9-7, Triveni Continental Kings pipped Chingari Gulf Titans 8-7, and the Knights scored a big 14-5 win over upGrad Mumba Masters.

Though Warriors, Knights, Kings and Masters have three match points, Knights are second as they have garnered more game points.

INBRIEF

Vidhatri sails to victory in the Pro Golf Tour ninth leg

Amateur Vidhatri Urs emerged victorious in the the ninth leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Prestige Golfshire here on Friday. Starting the final day with a nine-shot lead, Vidhatri's win was never in doubt. The Mysuru golfer shot a four-under 68 final round – her third straight round in the 60s – to record a massive 13-shot title win. Vidhatri totalled 16-under 200 (65, 67, 68) to finish way ahead of nearest rivals Jasmine Shekar and Saanvi Somu (both three-under 213). Vidhatri's total of 16-under tied the second best total on the Tour alongside Vani Kapoor at Eagleton in 2016 and Neha Tripathi at Classic Golf and Country Resort in 2018.

LIVE TELECAST

BWF: Taipei Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m. onwards

CWC 2023 Qualifiers: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), Hotstar & FanCode, 12.30 p.m.

TNPL: Star Sports 3 & FanCode, 3.15 & 7.15 p.m.

Women's Ashes: Only Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.

SAFF Championships: FanCode, 3.30 p.m.; India vs Nepal, 7.30 p.m.

FIH Pro League (Women): SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.40 & 9.10 p.m.

PHL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 & 8.30 p.m.

Edgbaston track was like my kryptonite, says Anderson

'I've tried over the years to hone my skills so I can bowl in any conditions but everything I tried made no difference. I know I wasn't on top of my game, I want to make up for it at Lord's'

Tough game: Anderson had a forgettable outing in the first Ashes Test. GETTY IMAGES

THE ASHES

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LONDON

Expressing his displeasure over the flat pitch in the Ashes opener, veteran England seamer James Anderson says he's "done" if similar tracks are produced for the reminder of the series.

England skipper Ben Stokes said England wanted fast flat pitches to help execute its attacking style of play.

However, Anderson said the benign Edgbaston track was like kryptonite for him.

"If all the pitches are like that I'm done in the Ashes series. That pitch was like kryptonite for me.

Not much swing

"There was not much swing, no reverse swing, no seam movement, no bounce and no pace.

"I've tried over the years to hone my skills so I can bowl in any conditions but everything I tried made no difference," Anderson wrote in his column for *The Telegraph*.

The 40-year old managed to take just one wicket in the first Test as English lost the match by two-wickets.

Anderson conceded he didn't meet his own expectation while also revealing why he wasn't handed the second new ball late on the final day.

"I know I wasn't on top of my game this week. I want to make up for it at Lord's and all I can do is turn up on Sunday and prepare to play."

Defends Robinson

Anderson also defended teammate Ollie Robinson, who was involved in a fiery exchange with Australia opener Usman Khawaja.

"Ollie did nothing wrong when he had his moment with Khawaja. In fact, I stood at mid-off for most of the game and didn't hear anything said by either team that was unacceptable," Anderson wrote.

"I don't want Ollie to change. I like him getting fired up. He bowls better."

Ramkumar-Margaroli move into title round

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Ramkumar Ramanathan and Luca Margaroli defeated the top seeds Nikola Cacic and Victor Vlad Cornea 1-6, 6-4, [15-13] in the doubles semifinals of the 145,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Parma-Montechiarugolo, Italy, on Friday.

In the Queen's Club ATP tennis tournament in London, Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden lost 6-3, 7-6(5) to top seeds Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski in the doubles quarterfinals.

Other important results:

€145,000 Challenger, Ilkley, Britain: Semifinals: Robert Galloway (USA) & John-Patrick Smith (Aus) bt Sriram Balaji & Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi (Pak) 1-6, 6-3, [10-6].

€118,000 Challenger, Poznan, Poland: Quarterfinals: Ariel Behar (Uru) & Adam Pavlasek (Cze) bt Lorenzo Giustino (Ita) & Sumit Nagal 6-3, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF men, Jakarta, Indonesia: Quarterfinals: Sora Fukuda (Jpn) bt Sidharth Rawat 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles: Semifinals: Siddhant Banthia & Nitin Kumar Sinha bt Nathan Barki & Christopher Rungkat (Ina) 5-7, 6-4, [10-3].

$25,000 ITF women, Wichita, USA: Second round: Kessler Mccartney (USA) bt Karman Kaur Thandi 6-4, 4-2 (retired).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Rahul Kenady on song for Ronaldo FC

Rahul Kenady scores five goals as Ronaldo FC defeated PKR FC 10-0 in the KSFA Bangalore North and South 'C' division football league.

The results: Ronaldo 10 (Rahul Kenady 4, 18, 19, 51, 54, Amal Dev Shibi 16, 32, 67, T.S. Niranjan 4, Komilton Karbi Maring 69) bt PKR 0; Samurai Bangalore 3 (Taiki Yashoda 9, Akshay Kuke 22, 46) bt FX 0.

London Singh and Palak Sharma win

Services Sports Control Board's London Singh won the men's spring board event in the 76th senior National aquatic championships at SAI South Center (Kengeri) on Friday.

In the women's spring board, Madhya Pradesh's Palak Sharma emerged on top.

IOA ad-hoc panel's decision on wrestling trials draws criticism

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA)-appointed ad-hoc panel's decision to conduct one-bout trials for the six protesting wrestlers has drawn sharp criticism.

In a letter addressed to the six wrestlers on June 16, ad-hoc panel's Bhupender Singh Bajwa wrote that selection trials for weight categories of wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik, Satyawart Kadian, Sangeeta Phogat and Jitender Kinha for the Asian Games would be conducted between August 5 and 15.

"The trial of these wrestlers will be conducted with winners of respective weight categories for Asian Games/ World championships (sic) Olympic qualification trials conducted for participation, if done previously," said the letter.

Less gap

Bajwa has reportedly said that since the gap between the two major events is less, these wrestlers can either choose the Asiad or the Worlds and he feels they are keen on competing in the latter as it is an Olympic qualifying event.

The Belgrade World championships will be held from September 16 to 24, while the Hangzhou Asian Games wrestling competitions are from October 4 to 7.

Since the last date of sending entries for the Asian Games is July 15, the ad-hoc committee, currently running the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), has sought the Olympic Council of Asia's (OCA's) permission to conduct the trials (possibly for both Asiad and Worlds) in August so that the six wrestlers, who were out of action for months and would need time to get back in shape, can be accommodated.

The last date to send the World championships entries is August 16.

Expressing displeasure

Olympics bronze medallist Yogeshwar Dutt, through social media, expressed his displeasure over the ad-hoc panel's decision.

"There are several top wrestlers, including Ravi Dahiya, Deepak Punia, Anshu Malik, Olympian Sonam Malik and Aman Sehrawat.

"It defies logic (to exempt only six wrestlers). It's not good," said Yogeshwar.

Arjuna award winner Kripa Shankar Patel also voiced his concern. "I deplore the ad-hoc committee's decision. I don't understand why it was taken," said Patel.

Well known coach Kuldeep Singh said rules should be equal for all. "If they have to give these wrestlers a chance, then full trials of their weight categories should be held on one day," said Kuldeep.

"Wrestlers can participate in both Worlds and Asiad as there is a gap of 10 days between the two events."

Vikas Bhardwaj, the coach of World under-20 champion Antim Panghal, who competes in the same 53kg as Vinesh, said, "Some wrestlers will fight three-four bouts, while these six will fight just one. That's not correct."

Dharamvir Malik, a former wrestler and father of Anshu, was for fair trials. "Trials should be done impartially, without any exemptions," said Dharamvir.

After the WFI's elections on July 11, the newly-elected body may decide on the matter.

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